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The Breakup of the Soviet Union

1. Who does the person “following” Brezhnev in the cartoon represent? (slide 2)
2. What happened to the Soviet Republics declare their independence? (slide 3)
3. What do you notice about the size of the Soviet Union when compared to the size of Russia (slide 4 & 5).
4. List 3 new states formed. (Slide 5).
5. Who is the man in the picture? What is he looking at? What does that symbol represent? (slide 6)
6. What three Soviet leaders are standing up in the cloud? (slide 7)
7. What is the main idea if this cartoon about Mikhail Gorbachev, the former leader of the Soviet Union? (slide 7)
8. Who is Yeltsin? (slide 9)
9. What does Yeltsin struggle to do? (slide 9)
10. What does Yeltsin do in order to stop a government takeover of communism? (slide 10)
11. Why were Russians worried about changing their economy to a market economy? (slide 11)

12. Why were the three problems that Yeltsin left in Russia? (slide 12)
13. From the images on slide 13, what is your impression of Yeltsin?
14. Why was Putin becoming president so historic? (slide 15)
15. List two positive things Putin did while president. (slide 16 & 17)
16. Putin begins to put dissidents into jail. What other two Soviet leaders also did this? (slide 17).
17. Based on the images in slide 18, what kind of leader does Putin look like??
18. When was ethnic tension suppressed in multinational states? (slide 20)
19. Which two countries split peacefully?
20. In the areas that did not split peacefully, what happened? (slide 21)
21. Briefly explain what happened in Armenia and Azerbaijan. (slide 21)
22. Briefly explain what happened in Chechnya. (slide 22)