Fascinating Info #4  
Russia as Empire – to the 1860s

An Excellent Chronology
1462-1505 Reign of Ivan III (the Great); tremendous expansion of Muscovy
1552-56 Muscovy under Ivan IV conquers Khanates of Kazan' & Astrakhan'
1579-82 Muscovite campaign against Khanate of Siberia
1654 Muscovite incorporation of left-bank Ukraine + Kiev
1710 Peter the Great conquers Estonia & Livonia from Sweden
1721 Peter the Great declares Russia an "empire," himself "emperor"
1734-40 Final subjugation of Bashkirs
1740-55 Aggressive conversion to Orthodoxy of Volga peoples
1772-95 First partition of Poland
1783 Annexation of Crimea
1801-10 Annexation of Georgian kingdoms
1804-13 Conquest of northern parts of Azerbaijan from Persia
1809 Conquest & annexation of Finland (titled "Grand Duchy")
1812 Annexation of Bessarabia
1815 Congress of Vienna; repartition of Poland
1822-48 Annexation of Kazakh hordes
1826-28 Annexation of eastern Armenia from Persia
1829-64 Caucasian war to "pacify" mountain population
1830-31 November insurrection in Poland
1839 "Reunion" of Uniate church with Orthodoxy
1853-56 Crimean War; Russia loses southern Bessarabia
1855-66 Mass migrations of Muslims from Russia to Ottoman Empire
1860s Conquest of Central Asia
1863 January insurrection in Poland & Lithuania

Population of the Empire by the Census of 1897 (122.6 million people):"Great Russians" 44.3% Germans 1.3%
Ukrainians 17.8% Caucasus "mountain people" 1.3%
Belorussians 4.7% Georgians 1.1%
Poles 6.3% Latvians 1.1%
Turkic peoples 10.8% Lithuanians 1.0%
Jews 4.1% Armenians 0.9%
Finnic peoples 2.4%

Other Fun Stuff

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1 At this point Poland ceased to exist as an independent political entity.
2 Creation of "Kingdom of Poland" within the Russian empire.
3 But only in the Russian empire proper. Uniate church remains in Kingdom of Poland until 1875.
4 Estimates suggest between 500,000 and 900,000.
5 Listed here are only major ethnic / national groups.
6 The Imperial government did not recognize either Ukrainians ("Little Russians") or Belorussians ("White Russians") as separate nationalities, but rather as sub-groups of the Russian nationality.
7 Not including 2.5 million Finns in the Grand Duchy of Finland (counted separately).