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Discuss and analyze how the changes in Russia during Peter the Great's reign affected society and **transformed** political and religious institutions. (Causation)

Contextualization

Russia slowly emerged throughout the course of European history, where they first really grew in the 17th and 18th Century under the Romanovs. Russia was in the process of recovering from the turmoil of the Time of Troubles which lasted from 1584 to 1613. Peter the Great modernized Russia as he began its Westernization. However, the reign of Peter the Great from 1682 to 1725 resulted in many changes and transformation in Russian society and the political and religious institutions it upheld. During Peter's rule society, specifically the nobility class's, known as Boyars, lifestyle was dramatically altered. Additionally, Peter transformed political institutions, such as governmental departments. Finally, his lasting expeditions resulted in him modifying Russia's religious institutions creating what was known as the Holy Synod.

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I. Societal Changes

Topic Sentence: Peter the Great induced many changes in the daily life of the Boyars, such as how they act, dress, and even their daily duties.

A. Nobility/Boyars

I. Cause

- a. Visited Britain and London, which was the center of business and fashion in Europe
- b. Was inspired and in awe of how the nobility and upper class dressed of other countries
- c. Held great respect for Western culture

Examples? (evidence)

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2. Effects

- a. Ordered them to be clean shaven
- b. Adopted Western dress and fashion
- c. Demanded that upper class woman participate in social functions with men
- d. Insisted that they serve in either the civil service or military
- e. Made all of the sons of boyars go to Western Europe to learn technical skills and crafts

II. Political institutions

Topic Sentence: Peter greatly changed the political system within Russia, reorganizing internal administration by creating government departments and ridding of ministers.

A. Government Departments

1. Causes

- a. Ventured to Sweden, who first used this system
- b. Returned to Russia to then change it to a model of Sweden's

2. Effects

- a. Headed by colleges
- b. Consisted of several individuals rather than a single minister
- c. Created nine colleges of eleven members each to administer different areas
 - Foreign affairs, army, navy, commerce, mines, manufactures, income, justice, control, expenditures

B. Reorganization

1. Established a Senate of nine members
2. Authority to supervise the administration and direct its operations when he was absent
3. Took the new title of Emperor of All Russia
4. Created the Table of Ranks

— Boyars .

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- a. 1722-provided that social position and privileges be based on one's rank in the military/bureaucracy
 - b. Less about nobility status
5. Moved the capital to St. Petersburg in the Gulf of Finland

III. Religious Institutions

Topic Sentence: Peter the Great largely changed the religious institutions of Russia after achieving secular control over the church

A. Religious changes

1. Causes

- a. Gained secular control over the church
- b. His great status of power and influence
- c. Russian Orthodox Church was extremely conservative, more secular yes, good
- d. Drew on German Lutheran models

2. Effects

- a. Abolished the Patriarch
 - Bishop who headed the church
- b. Replaces it with the Holy Synod
 - Instead, consisted of several bishops
 - All of them were headed by a layman called the Procurator General
- c. This new body would govern the church in accordance with the tsar's secular requirements
- d. Angered the conservative believers, called Old Believers
 - Many of them strongly abided by the Patriarch and traditional religious institutions
 - Believed the tsar leading the church was heresy
 - Many committed suicide instead of changing

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IV. Conclusion

A. Restatement

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1. Peter changed the society, political, and religious institutions throughout Russia during his reign.

B. Significance

Significance

1. Shows the rise of Russia
2. Portrays the influence that Modern Western Europe had on the Emerging Eastern Europe
3. Major shift in Russia