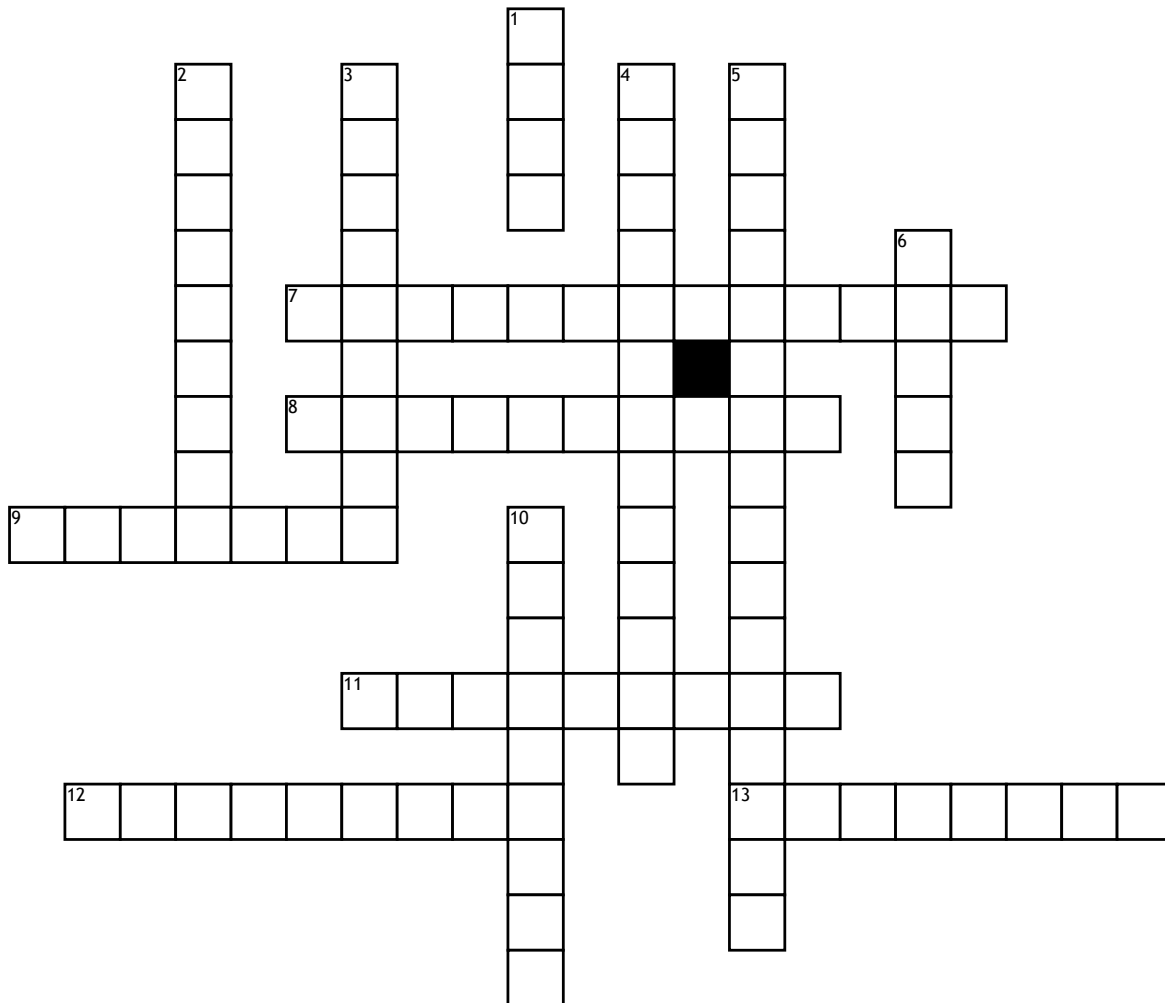


The Russian Core



Across

7. a shift to private ownership—of state-owned companies

8. After World War I, many countries in eastern Europe were controlled as _____ under Communist rule.

9. As a result of commercial logging, illegal poaching of trees, and wildfires, Russian _____ shrink by almost 40 million acres each year.

11. Rich, black soil that supports agriculture

12. A fire in a nuclear reactor in this town north of Kiev, Ukraine, released tons of radioactive particles into the local environment, killing millions of people.

13. Women have always had a very important role working in _____.

Down

1. Mountain range that forms a natural border between European Russia and Siberian Russia.

2. By 2000 the population of ethnic Russians began to decline due to a greatly reduced _____

3. Russia depends on _____ and waterways for much of its transportation needs.

4. In nineteenth and twentieth century Russia and the Soviet Union, a government program that was started to make new peoples of Russia more "Russian".

5. Under _____, Russia expanded into Siberia with the construction of the Trans-Siberian Railroad

6. This river system is an important commercial, transportation, and hydroelectric resource for millions of Russians.

10. Russia's most important industry is _____ extraction and processing