

RUSSIA'S POPULATION SPREAD



RUSSIA'S AGRICULTURAL AREAS



RUSSIA'S RAILROADS

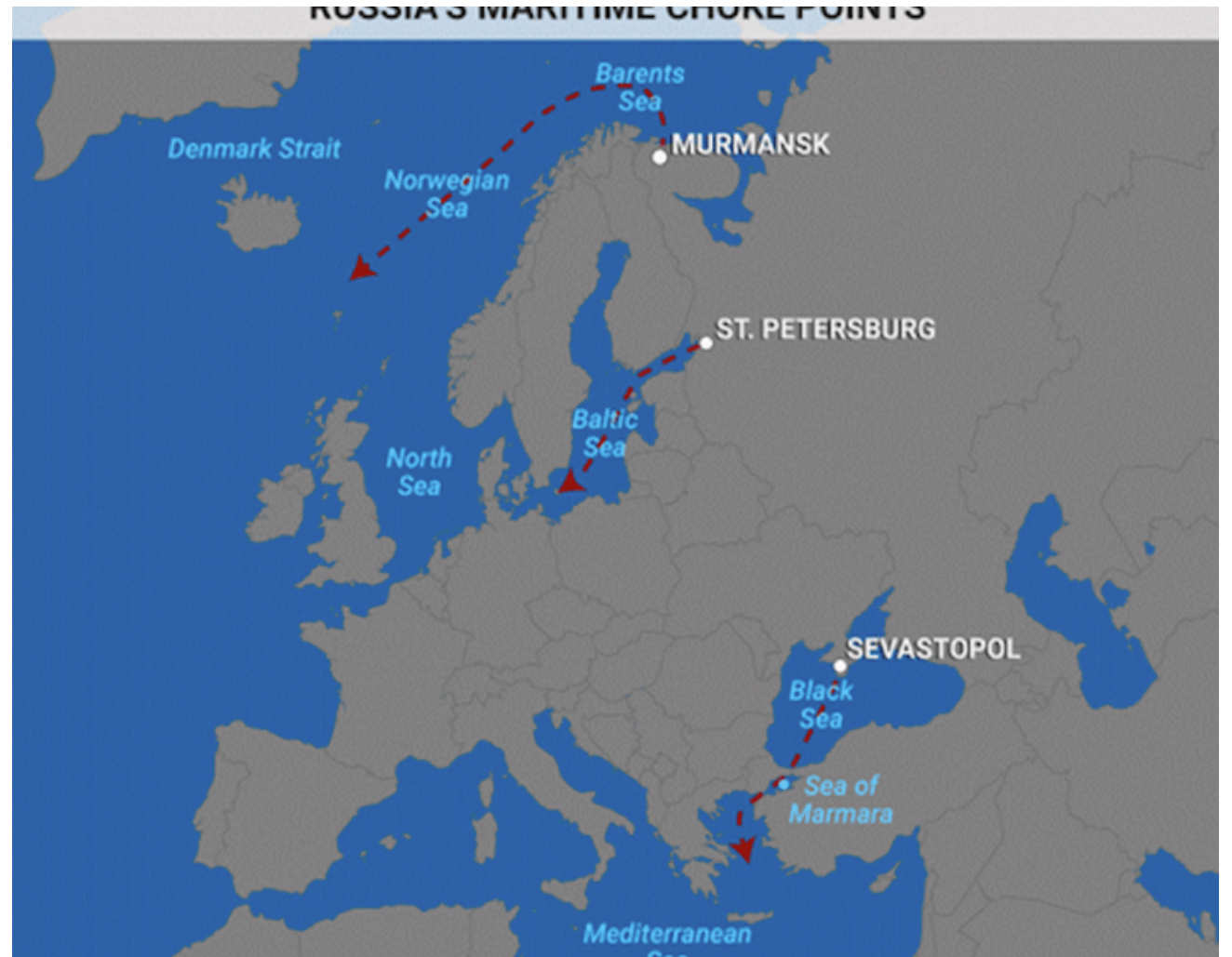


RUSSIA'S
LOST BUFFER



RUSSIA'S WESTERN SEA ROUTES

CHOKES POINTS



CAUSAL FACTORS -- DRIVERS

- GEORGRAPHY
- CLIMATE
- DOMESTIC POLITICAL FACTORS
- WORLD POWER DISRIBUTION
 - RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. (THE NUCLEAR WORLD)
 - RELATIONSHIP WITH NEIGHBORS
 - CHINA
 - EUROPEAN UNION
 - MIDDLE EAST
 - NEAR ABROAD
 - WORLD POLITICAL STRUCTURE (PLURALISTIC. NOT POLAR)
- WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE (MARKET SYSTEM)
- HISTORY (RECENT & DISTANT)
- CULTURE & RELIGION

RUSSIA'S PRIMARY FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES

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- Russia's principal foreign policy priorities, as evidenced by its actions in Ukraine and Syria, are **checking any further advance of NATO in Eastern Europe** and **confirming Russia's status as a great power outside the post-Soviet space**.
- Moscow's strategy is to create facts on the ground to coerce its former partners turned rivals, above all the United States, **to acknowledge Russia's security interests—as defined by the Kremlin, not Washington—** and **accept Russia's importance as a great power to be reckoned with globally**.

(5) In a page essay, *describe*: 1) **the current situation**, regarding Russia and the U.S. and 2) *describe* **the key factors (areas of potential causal factors)** the U.S. must consider in any analysis of its relationship with Russia.

(4) In a 1/2-page essay, *discuss* what **you believe should be the U.S. interests and goals** in this situation relative to the interests and goals of Russia. **Your task is not to consider how to achieve the U.S. interests and goals. Also, your task is not to determine U.S. policy options or to recommend a U.S. policy.**