

Peter the Great

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My biography is about Peter the Great, what he did, and what adventures he had. I wrote about this Russian ruler because everything that he did was very unique. Why did he do all of those things? Because he could.

Peter (Pyotr) Velikiy was a Russian Tsar, born May 30th, 1672, in Moscow, Russia. He battled his older half sister, Sophia for the throne, but Peter won. Starting his rule at the age of 10, in 1682, he built an army, and trained himself to the highest ability possible, for anything that came his way. For example, he trained himself to fire a cannon and musket gun at a very young age. You could tell that this ruler meant business. He was also one of the tallest Russian rulers in the world, he was 6ft 7in at the age of 23.

Peter got married at the age of 19, in 1691, and his wife gave him a son. His name was Alexis. When he was 23 and a half, he set off on his first fight with his army, as the little drummer boy. He was the first Russian Tsar to sail the sea in battle. They fought near Azov, and lost greatly. He dragged his remaining soldiers back to Moscow, gathered some more men. Then he led them into another fight in Vienna, and they lost again.

After losing twice in a row, he found out his citizens were refusing to fight because of religion. He went back to Moscow, Russia to kill the traitors in front of many people with a leather whip. Peter had figured that Sophia was behind the traitor's actions, which was true. Sophia was punished for her actions, 40 whips on the back.

Peter hated church, and he betrayed one of the religions of church, to have a beard. He produced scissors and cut everyone's beards off, and later hacked off the religious long sleeves on the religious gowns, and betrayed God completely.

In a third fight, he battled Sweden. He had 4 times more men than the swedes, but still lost to them and their king, Charles XII. Because of Peter, he left Moscow, Russia, and all places around it, to invasion.

To protect his citizens, he destroyed all cities around Moscow, even Moscow itself, and started to build St. Petersburg. He ordered every sign of life demolished. In 1708, the Swedes set out to finish some unfinished business, but the harsh Russian winter had its toll on the Swedes. They lost 1/4 of their force. Peter and his army versed Charles XII in 1809, and they won for the first time. After defeating the Swedes, he said, "I have conquered an empire, but I have not been able to conquer myself."

After that, he found out that he had no bond with his son, Alexis. He feared his father, and he was very weak. He talked to a priest about his dad. Alexis said he wished his father was dead. He could either become a monk in the church, or take the throne when his father died. He chose neither and ran away, but they captured him in 1918 and killed him with 40 strokes of a whip, and other ways of torture. It is said that Peter gave his son a few blows with the whip, and then let his servants beat him up. Fireworks exploded to celebrate his 9th anniversary on defeating the Swedes the night his son was killed.

He died of Galbladder infection, fever, and coma, at the age of 53, on January 25th, 1725. He was blessed and thanked for all that he did less than 12 hours before his death. He earned a lot of things, Nicknames, (Peter the Cruel, Peter the Brave, Peter the Hell-raiser) the throne, a wife, a son, rivals, and a title; PETER THE GREAT, TSAR OF RUSSIA.

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