Section 5

Guided Reading and Review

Absolute Monarchy in Russia (textbook pp. 440–443)

A. Main Ideas

All of the following sentences are incorrect. As you read Section 5, rewrite each sentence to make it correct.

Peter the Great of Russia was curious about western styles of government.
Determined to give the people more freedom, Peter released all Russians from his control, except the Protestant Church.
Peter abandoned reforms when boyars rejected them, and his reign thus included little in the way of social or economic reforms.
One reason Peter sought to expand Russian borders was to convert other peoples to Christianity.
Although Russia, Prussia, and Austria all tried to overtake Poland, strong Polish rulers and a centralized Polish government prevented their success.

B. Reviewing Key People and Places

Explain the significance of each of the following to absolute monarchy in Russia.

- 6. St. Petersburg
- 7. Catherine the Great