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<b>Comparative Sentence</b>	<p><i>While the American political system of democracy emphasized individual participation and expressed a variety of viewpoints, Russia’s absolute monarchy left the tsar with unchecked power and little political opposition. As a result political opposition in the U.S. found avenues to express disapproval and political power willing to concede to demands, <b>whereas</b> Russian resistance efforts had no political outlet to voice frustrations.</i></p>	
<b>SOCIAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relatively even divide among upper, middle, and working class</li> <li>• social gap or stratification existed</li> <li>• social change bubbled up from farmers, workers, and businessmen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• majority peasant or serf bound to their owner or estate</li> <li>• social change initiated by the state</li> </ul>
<b>Comparative Sentence</b>	<p><i><b>On one hand</b> American class structure allowed for social mobility and new opportunities that built trust and support for democracy and capitalism. <b>On the other hand</b> Russia’s social disparity and rampant stratification limited economic prospects and concentrated dissatisfaction in the mass of lower class workers.</i></p>	
<b>ECONOMIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• large amount of economic freedom</li> <li>• market activities of production and trade dominated the economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• primarily agrarian economy</li> <li>• Dependent on peasant serf workers</li> <li>• Economic modernization and industrial change driven by the state in an attempt to catch up to other industrial states</li> </ul>
<b>Comparative Sentence</b>	<p><i><b>Although</b> both states went through industrial transformations the U.S. economy was driven by private interests and diverse market activities, <b>whereas</b> the Russian economy was dependent on the state to make decisions and the labor of the peasant class. The capitalistic emphasis on private profit and ownership incentivized economic participation amongst most Americans, <b>as opposed to</b> the peasant class in Russia who were marginalized from the developing Russian economy.</i></p>	