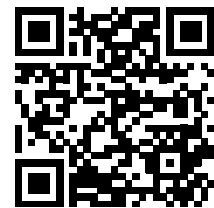


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Novgorod Republic and Its Legacy



The Novgorod Republic was a unique entity in early Russian _____. It was not ruled by a prince but by a council of citizens. This form of government was called the _____, a sort of assembly that made key decisions. Located in the northwest of present-day _____, Novgorod was a vital trade hub between the Baltic and the Byzantine _____. The economy of Novgorod flourished thanks to its access to the _____ trade routes. Unlike other parts of Russia, Novgorod was more democratic and granted its people significant _____. The literacy rate was remarkably high, partly because of the influence of the _____ Church, which promoted education. The city's prosperity was also due to its control over the lucrative _____ trade. However, Novgorod's independence and wealth attracted the attention of neighboring _____. In 1478, the Republic came under the control of the Grand Duchy of _____, marking the end of its autonomy. This event significantly contributed to the centralization of _____ in Russia and the rise of Moscow as a dominant city. Despite its fall, the legacy of the _____ Republic's democratic principles and economic success continued to influence Russian _____ and history.

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