

FOUNDATION OF MUSCOVY

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INTRODUCTION:

Muscovy was a Rus principality of the late middle ages centered on Moscow. It was ruled by a series of princes who expanded it's borders and turned it into the largest state in Europe.



FOUNDATION OF HOLY TRINITY SERGIUS MONASTERY:

- The monastery was founded in 1337 by one of the most venerated Russian saints, Sergius of Radonezh. He built a wooden church in honour of the Holy Trinity on Makovets hill.
- Saint Sergius supported Dimitri Donaskoi in his struggle against the Mamai.



DANILOVICH RULE:

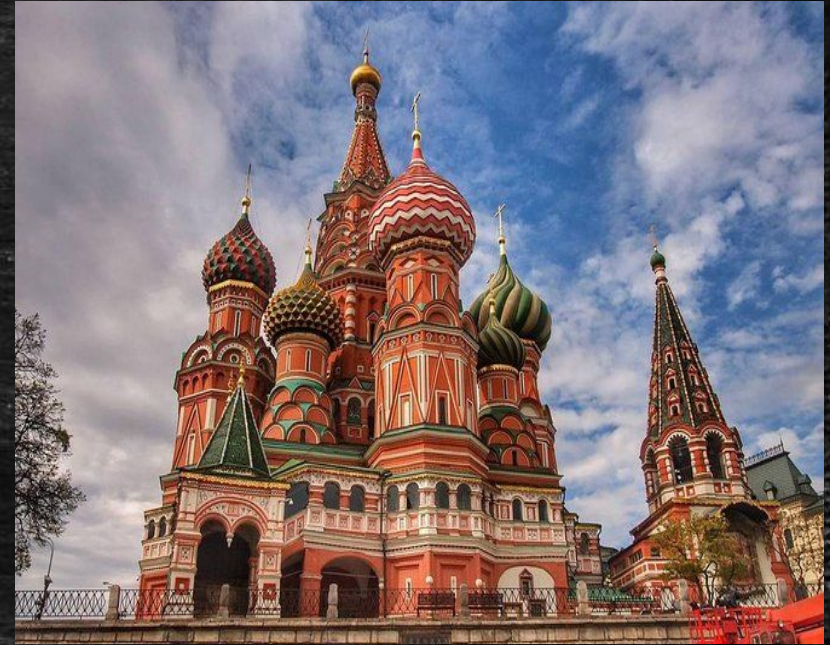
The Daniilovich transformed the distribution of power in the lands of northern Rus and laid the foundations for a new state Muscovy.

After Ivan Daniilovich's death, his sons ruled the country from 1341 till 1359 then his grandson Dimitrii Ivanovich (Dimitrii Donaskoi) from 1359 till 1389.



DIMITRI DONASKOI:

Dimitri Donaskoi reigned as the prince of Moscow from 1359-1389. He had many achievements, The most important event was to start building the Moscow Kremlin, it was completed in 1367. Also he defeated the Mamai in the battle of kulikovo in 1380.



DANILOVICH'S STRATEGIES:

Behind the Daniilovich's victory, there are some strategies they followed to achieve it:

- One strategy was to form marital alliances by marriage from the hostile families, which created bonds of kinship and alliance
- Another strategy was to subordinate princes from other branches of the dynasty and simultaneously to expand their own territorial domain



VASILII(I) REIGN:

After Dimitri's death, his eldest son Vasilii (I) reigned from 1389-1425. He gained control over Nizhnii Novgorod and made a concerted, but less successful, effort to take control of parts of Novgorod's northern empire.

Vasili attempted to gain control on the Divna land, rich in fish, fur, and other natural products that constituted major sources of Novgorod's wealth, But his attempt failed.



VASILII(2) REIGN:

Vasili 2 has reigned from 1425-1462. The eldest of vasili's uncles challenged his nephew for the throne of Vladimir, and when he died in 1434 his sons continued the war. Vasili had blinded one cousin and had in turn been blinded by another. He had subdued his relatives and restricted succession to his own direct heirs. The triumph of Vasili 2 over his uncle and cousins enabled him and his heirs to continue.



CONCLUSION:

Muscovy was developed by daniilovich family, who turned a small principality in the Moscow river Basin into the largest state in Europe of 16th century leaving behind them a lot of achievements.

QUESTIONS :

- What is Muscovy ?
- Who supported Dimitri Donaskoi ?
- List Donaskoi's achievements ?
- What strategies had daniilovich followed ?
- What Vasili 2 faced to reign Muscovy ?