## PRISONERS OF GEOGRAPHY

Prisoner of Geography – The idea that nations are bound by their location of mountain ranges, climate, biomes and access to sea for trade,

## **RUSSIA:**



**Russia** is located in the Northern Hemisphere across two continents; Europe and Asia. It borders Finland in the west and Kazakhstan and China in the south. The Volga River is the longest river in Europe and is very important to Russia. It is 3,530km long and nearly half of Russia's largest cities are found along it.

Sea/ocean trade is vital to ensure development. Russia cannot trade through the Arctic Ocean most of the year as it's frozen, so it's only warm water port is through the Black Sea in the south, bordering Ukraine. The Volga river is Russia's water trade to the world and to it's major cites.



Map of landlocked countries and the Volga River in Russia

