

**Crate, S. and M. Nuttall. 2003. The Russian north in circumpolar context. *Polar Geography* 27(2):85-96.**

Homework Questions:

This paper is the introduction to a special issue of *Polar Geography* which focuses on Russia. The issue is available on-line through our library and several of the papers are part of the extra references for our course. Please explore them to look for project ideas.

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1. What is credited with being the critical event in promoting circumpolar cooperation?
2. What is the Arctic Council?
3. Post-USSR, what was Russia's policy on the 25 million ethnic Russians living in the 14 old Soviet Republics?
4. Under the Soviet system, the Russian North was home to large urban centres supporting resource extraction projects. Economic incentives drew many Russians north during the Soviet era. What happened to the economy and these people after the USSR was dissolved?
5. What happened to reindeer herders immediately after the collapse of the USSR?