

★ Enrichment Activity 9



Religious Faith Meets Nationalist Pride

What we call the Eastern Orthodox Church is actually made up of several autonomous, or self-governing, national churches, each of which has its own patriarch. For example, in Russia there is the

Russian Orthodox Church, and in Romania, the Romanian Orthodox Church. Throughout history, the establishment of an autonomous national church was a source of nationalist pride as well as political conflict.

Membership in Orthodox Churches		
Country	Members of Autonomous Orthodox Church	Total Population
Armenia	3,343,846	3,557,284
Bulgaria	7,458,918	8,775,198
Georgia	4,351,737*	5,725,972
Greece	10,434,560	10,647,511
Macedonia	1,446,867	2,159,503
Romania	16,238,831	23,198,330
Russian Federation	37,477,272	149,909,089
Yugoslavia	7,216,191	11,101,833

* Includes 3,721,881 Georgian Orthodox and 629,856 Russian Orthodox.

DIRECTIONS: Based on the table above, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What would be an appropriate title for the table? _____
2. What is the total population of Greece? _____
3. Which two countries are almost entirely Orthodox? _____
4. a. What is the total number of Orthodox in Georgia? _____
 b. Among Georgians, about how many times greater is the Georgian Orthodox membership than the Russian Orthodox membership? _____
 c. The Russian Orthodox population makes up about what percentage of Georgia's total population? _____
5. The Russian Orthodox population in the Russian Federation makes up about what percentage of the total population? _____
6. About how many more Romanian Orthodox are there than Greek Orthodox? _____

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