Cultures and Lifestyles

**Directions: Summarizing** Read this section in your textbook to fill in the blanks below.

Russia has many different (1) ______________________ who speak their own language and have their own culture. Most also speak the official language, (2) ______________________. The largest ethnic group is the (3) ______________________. Under (4) ______________________, the people were not allowed to practice religion, but today there is religious (5) ______________________.

Early Russians passed along stories by word of mouth, called (6) ______________________. A sense of (7) ______________________ is reflected in much of Russia’s arts. The country has long been a center of music and (8) ______________________. Russia’s greatest writer is (9) ______________________. Education in the (10) ______________________ is also promoted.

Most people live in (11) ______________________ in large (12) ______________________ buildings. Wealthy Russians may own country homes called (13) ______________________. Due to its climate, winter sports and those played (14) ______________________ are popular activities.

The primary means of transportation have been the (15) ______________________. Russia is currently building a (16) ______________________ across the country, as the rate of car ownership is rising. Russia is also working on improving its (17) ______________________ systems for phone and Internet use.