

Up Close

Czar Putin?

Read the article (on pages 14-15) closely, then answer each question below. Write at least two to five sentences for each response, using evidence from the text to support your answers. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

- 1.** Analyze what the author’s purpose might be in using the title “Czar Putin?” for the article.

- 2.** Infer the meaning of the statement “Putin casts an increasingly long shadow on the world.”

- 3.** Based on the text, evaluate why many Russians had been willing to tolerate Putin’s increasingly authoritarian rule.

- 4.** The heading “A New Cold War?” suggests that Russia and the U.S. may be entering another Cold War. Cite evidence from that section of the text that supports this claim.

- 5.** Predict whether Putin will become less or more aggressive on the world stage, based on evidence in the article.

- 6.** Study the political cartoon on p. 15 of the student edition. What is its message? How does it support the article?
