**Materials for the website Chapter 4**

**Practice Questions.** Check your knowledge on some important individuals, dates, institutions and events.

When was the position of President of the Russian Federation established?

When did the constitutional crisis take place?

Who was Ruslan Khasbulatov and why did he oppose Yeltsin’s actions?

What are the key functions of the Russian Presidency?

Did Putin run in parliamentary elections before becoming President of Russia?

How many federal districts does Russia have?

Who appoints a prime minister of the Russian Federation?

What is the main function of the Security Council?

The president directs the work of five ministries. What are these?

Russia is called a federation. Why?

Describe the three stages in the evolution of Russia’s elites.

What are the key features of an authoritarian political system?

Explain the term “power vertical”.

Explain the term “sovereign democracy”.

Explain three developmental stages in the transformation of executive power in Russia.

**Additional study resources:**

**The Russian Executive Branch has its own Twitter account:**

@GovernmentRF

<https://bit.ly/3hpt1Ry>

**Learn more about the presidential administration and other branches of the government.** Click on the English version**:**

<http://en.kremlin.ru/>

**Executive orders of Russian Presidents and Soviet Leaders and Federal Legislations (**in Russian)**:**

<http://lawrussia.ru/texts>

**The Russian Government or Cabinet of Ministers** (in English):

<http://government.ru/en/>

**Facts related to local government in Russia:**

<http://factsanddetails.com/russia/Government_Military_Crime/sub9_5a/entry-5194.html>

**PBS: Inside Putin's Russia:**

Correspondent Nick Schifrin and producer Zach Fannin take us inside Vladimir Putin's Russia, with an in-depth look at the resurgent national identity, the government's propaganda machine, the risk of being a Kremlin critic and much more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AkAZIk73F0>

**Vladimir Putin: A Critical Biography:**

The accusations of criminality and corruption that have surrounded Vladimir Putin's reign in Russia. Tracing his career back over two decades, Putin's Way reveals how the accumulation of wealth and power has led to autocratic rule and the specter of a new Cold War.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHhd27o0W3Q>(50 min.)