

Awesome Info #5 Lithuania and the Rus' Inheritance

Super-Excellent Polish-Lithuanian Timeline

1202(?)	Founding of city of Riga by the Livonian Order (Brothers of the Sword)
1219-63	Lithuanian ruler Mindaugas unifies Lithuanian tribes against Teutonic Knights
1224	Germans (Livonian Order) capture Iur'ev from Novgorod
1237	Union of Teutonic Knights with Livonian Order
1242	Nevskii defeats Teutonic Knights at Lake Peipus
1299	Metropolitan of Kiev (Maksim the Greek) moved to Vladimir permanently
1303	New Metropolitanate set up in Galicia (at city of Halych)
1326 / 28	Metropolitan Peter moves from Vladimir to Moscow
1344	Lithuania takes over Volhynia
1349	Lithuania takes over Galicia when dynasty there ends
1362	Victory of Lithuanian army over Golden Horde in Battle of Blue Waters Kiev & Pereiaslav brought under Lithuanian rule
1385	Union of Kreva: marriage of Lithuanian Jagiello to Pole Jadwiga Also leads to Christianization of Lithuanians (under Catholicism)
1392	Lithuania gains territory all the way to Black Sea
1403	Lithuania takes over principality of Smolensk
1410	Vytautus successfully defeats Teutonic Knights at Grünwald
1439	Byzantine church tries to gain Rome's support against Turks at Council of Florence
1458	Division of Orthodox Church (two Metropolitans, in Lithuania and Moscow)
1470	Abolition of Kievan principality by Lithuanians
1514	Muscovite forces take Smolensk (from Lithuanians)
1558-83	Long, taxing Livonian War (Lithuania vs Moscow)
1569	Union of Lublin: Formal political union of Poland & Lithuania
1573 / 88	Enactment of complete serfdom in Poland (1573) & Lithuania (1588)
1596	Treaty of Brest creates Uniate church; Orthodoxy essentially outlawed in Poland

Important Stuff

Grand Duchy of Lithuania	Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth*	Teutonic Knights
Livonian Order	Mindaugas	Gediminas
Algirdas (Olgerd)	Unions of Kreva & Horodlo	Union of Lublin
Union of Brest	Metropolitanate of Kiev	

* Also known as the Commonwealth of the Two Nations; in Polish: *Rzeczpospolita*.