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Meet Dmitri Medvedev

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Study Questions and Project Ideas

1. How do you think Medvedev will influence Russia? And how far do you think he will stray from former president Vladimir Putin's current policies?
2. In small groups, think of three countries where a similar semi-transition of power has taken place. What sort of advice do these prior examples provide for those seeking to better understand what Medvedev might bring to the table in Russia?
3. What was the most surprising thing you learned about Russia or Medvedev from this feature? How does this impact your understanding of this leader?
4. Why might some international and national organizations be concerned about Medvedev taking over for Putin? What sort of precedent does a political transition like this set for other post-Soviet countries?
5. Compare Medvedev's views on democracy and foreign policy with your own. How are they similar and how might they differ?

If you are an educator and would like to suggest other ideas for using this feature in the classroom, please contact resources@theglobalist.com.

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