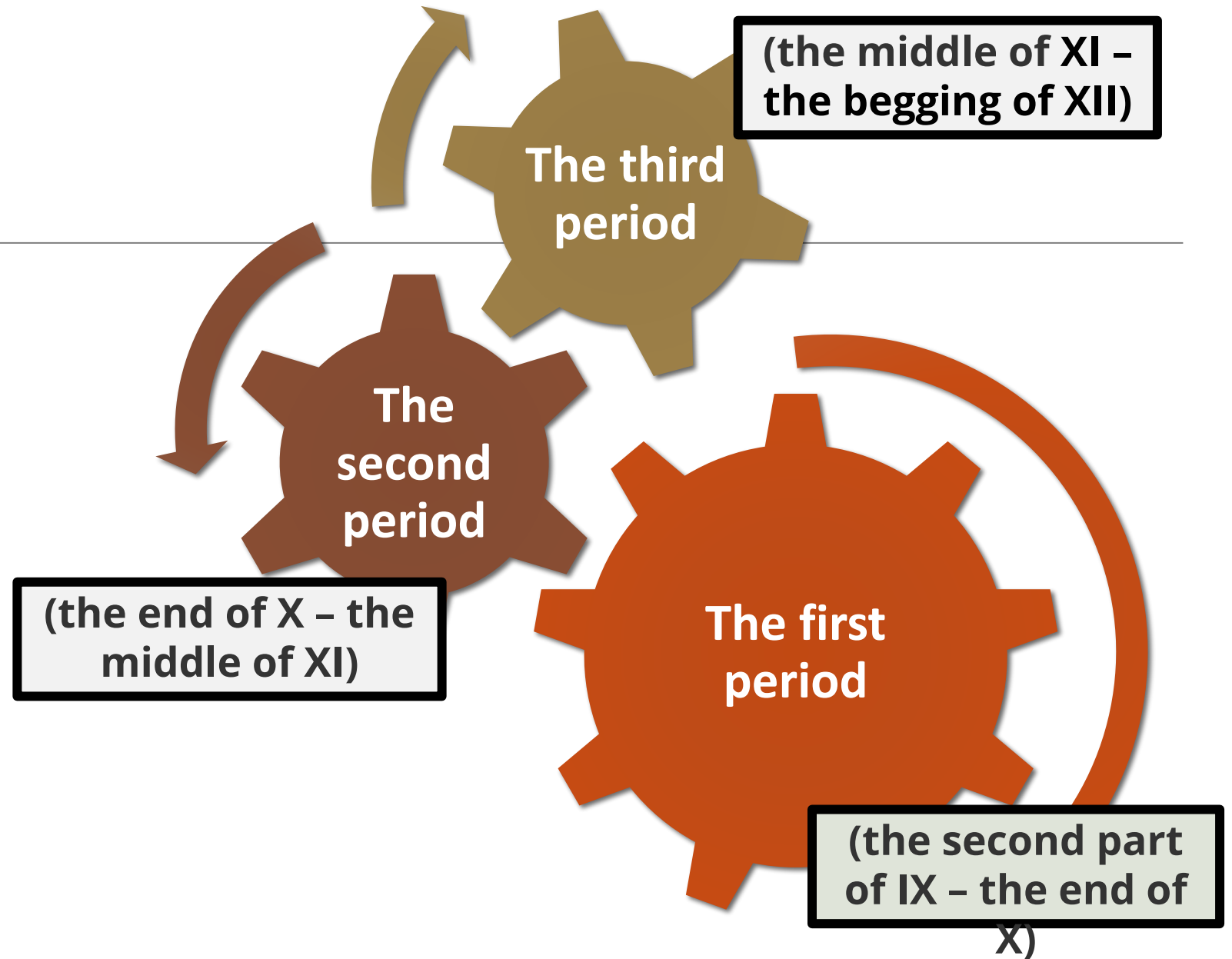


Three periods in history of Kiev Rus



**Time frame
for the
historical
period**



Kievan Rus was situated on two important trade routes, the Volga route to Scandinavian lands, and the caravan route connecting Europe to the Muslim nations.



The first period

According to the *Primary Chronicle*, a Varangian named Rurik first established himself in Novgorod in about 860 C.E. before moving south and extending his authority to Kiev.



Rurik (862–879)

Oleg began a series of military campaigns from Novgorod, took control of the region, moving the capital from Novgorod to Kiev at this time.



Oleg (879–912)

Igor engaged in successful military campaigns and exacted tribute from the conquered.



Olga made a diplomatic visit to Byzantium, where she was baptized in an Orthodox ceremony. She also carried out tax reform, called "uroki i pogosty".



Olga (945–969)

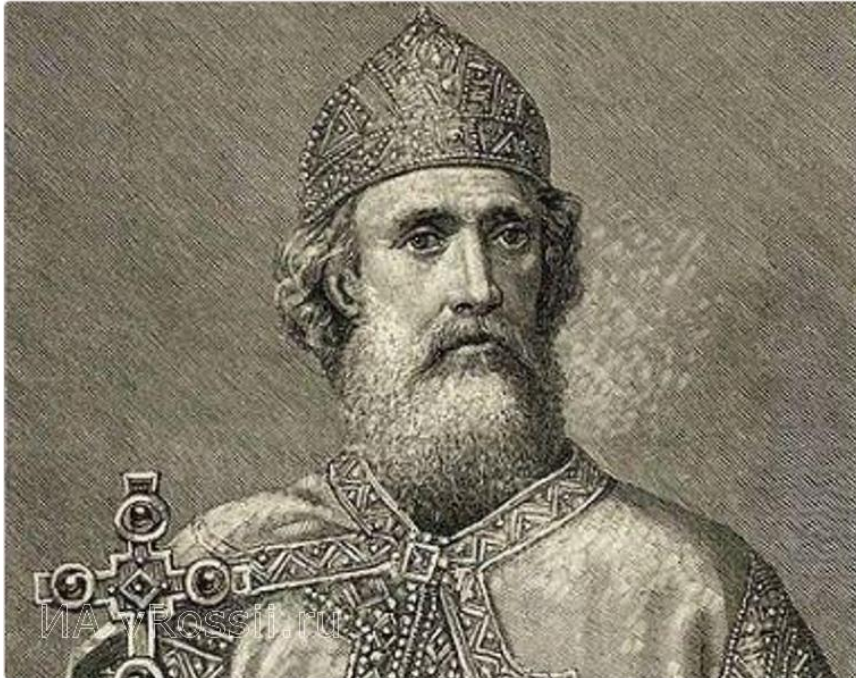
Sviatoslav`s decade-long reign over Rus' was marked by rapid expansion through the conquest of the Khazars of the Pontic steppe and the invasion of the Balkans.



Sviatoslav (964–972)

The second period

As a result of internecine war between the sons of Sviatoslav: Yaropolk, Oleg and Vladimir, the youngest, Vladimir, comes to power. His reign is considered to be the heyday of Kievan Rus.



Vladimir (978–1015)

Like Vladimir, Yaroslav was eager to improve relations with the rest of Europe, especially the Byzantine Empire. Under the rule of Prince Yaroslav, the country came to the long-awaited peace and there was the first written set of laws, which was called «Yaroslav's truth»



Yaroslav (1016–1054)



The third period

The restoration of the unity of Kievan Rus' took place under the grandson of Yaroslav the Wise - Vladimir Monomahh. He made 83 campaigns, signed 19 peace treaties. He established diplomatic ties with states, including by dynastic marriages.



Vladimir Monomahh (1113–1125)

Mstislav Vladimirovich glorified his name with great victories, as well as wise decisions during the life of his great father.



Mstislav Vladimirovich (1125–1132)

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