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HISTORY OF UKRAINE-RUS': VOLUME 1. FROM PREHISTORY TO THE ELEVENTH CENTURY. By Mykailo Hrushevsky. Translated by Marta Skorupsky. Edited by Andrzej Poppe and Frank E. Sysyn, with the assistance of Uliana M. Pasicznyk. Edmonton: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 1997. Pp. lxi + 602; plate, maps. \$79.95, ISBN 1-8955710-19-7.

A century ago, countering the tendency of treating Ukraine as a footnote to other histories, Hrushevsky's ten-volume classic laid the groundwork for a distinct, historic identity. The English translation is a welcome event. Volume I covers the ancient period, from the geological formation of the territory and the earliest paleolithic records of human life to statehood and Christianization under Volodymyr the Great. The first part sets forth Slavic ethnicity and studies the earliest historical accounts of inhabitants (Greeks, Scythians, Sarmatians) and migrations (Goths, Huns). Within the context of Slavic colonization and the Turkic advance, Hrushevsky describes the economic, social, and political convergence that shaped the Kyivan state, and traces its tenth-century political history. Fourteen appendixes on special questions, an extensive bibliography, the detailed table of contents, two maps, and the index ensure the lasting value of this work. The editors have maintained scholarly rigor and a readable style throughout and have supplied splendid introductions to the multivolume work (Sysyn) and to Volume I (Poppe). This book is indispensable for teachers and researchers of history and for libraries and schools with a commitment to Slavic and East European studies.

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