The Terrible Childhood of Ivan Vasilievich  

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This paper discusses the early life of Ivan Vasilievich, the first tsar of Russia; he is most often referred to as Ivan “the Terrible.” Ivan IV is considered to be one of the most ruthless leaders in history. It has been said that he was a cruel tyrant who knew nothing of moderation. He drank too much, was often boisterous, and was overly fervent in both hating and loving. All of these statements ring true when discussing Ivan’s reign as tsar; however, Ivan’s childhood is often easily overlooked. He lost both parents at a young age and knew nothing of stability for the remainder of his childhood. He grew into a brutal adult, but given his upbringing, little else could have been expected.