



**Russia**  
**1900—1918**

# Russia 1900 –1918 : Unit Key Words.

Task : colour code or number the following words and images with their definitions.

Manifesto

Bourgeoisie

Duma

Tsar

Proletariat

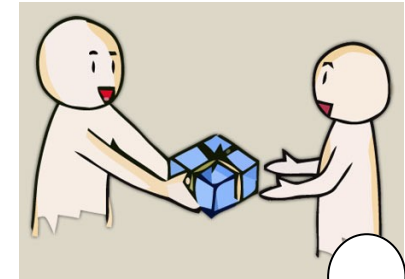
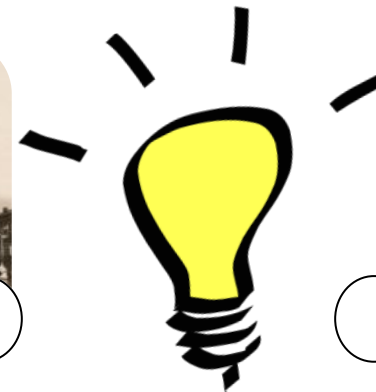
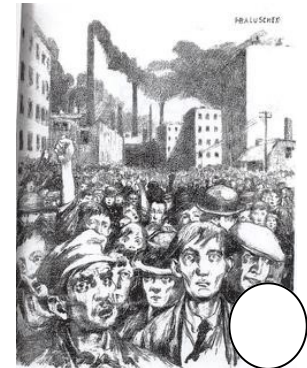
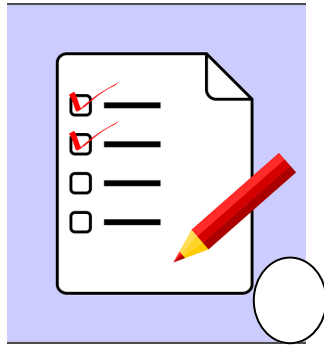
Republic

Revolution

Discontent

Concession

Ideology



The workers

The ruler of Russia

A list of political ideas

Russian Parliament

Rich Capitalists

A country without A tsar, king, queen

A time of great change

To give something

A political Idea

When people become angry



# Why Was There A Revolution In Russia In 1905 ?

**Discover** : the reasons for the 1905 revolution **Explore** : the role of Father Gapon **Skill** : source investigation and evaluation.



**A**

Tsar Nicholas II had a weak personality and a bad habit of not listening to his people - as demonstrated in 1905 when he ordered his *Cossacks* to open fire on a peaceful demonstration. The events that occurred afterwards in response to the attack became known as the 1905 Revolution.

**BBC Bite size History.**

**B**

(1) An 8-hour day and freedom to organize trade unions. (2) Improved working conditions, free medical aid, higher wages for women workers. (3) Elections to be held for a constituent assembly by universal, equal and secret suffrage. (4) Freedom of speech, press, association and religion. (5) An end to the war with Japan.

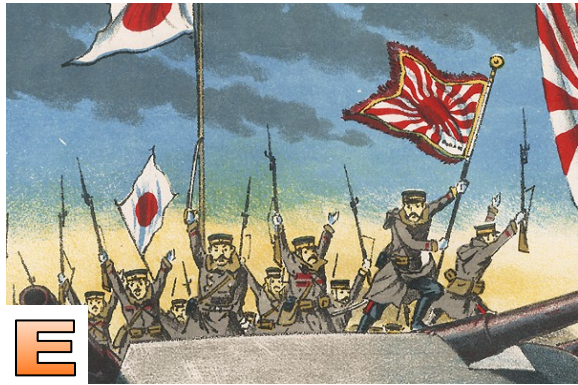
**Demands made by Father Gapon and the Assembly of Russian Workers.**

**C**

Gapon is a remarkable character. He seems to have believed in the possibility of reconciling the true interests of the workers with the authorities' good intentions. It was he who organized the petition of the Tsar which ended with the massacre of 22 January, 1905. The petition drafted by Gapon and signed by tens of thousands of proletarians, (workers) was a daring set of demands. It asked for an eight-hour day, recognition of workers' rights and a Constitution. The petitioners, carrying icons and singing hymns, set off marching through the snow, late on a January morning, to see their "little father, the Tsar".

At every cross-road armed ambushes were waiting for them. The soldiers machine-gunned them down and the Cossacks charged them. "Treat them like rebels" had been the Emperor's command. The outcome of the day was several hundred dead and as many wounded. This stupid and criminal repression detonated the first Russian revolution. **Victor Serge, Year One of the Russian Revolution (1930)**

**D**

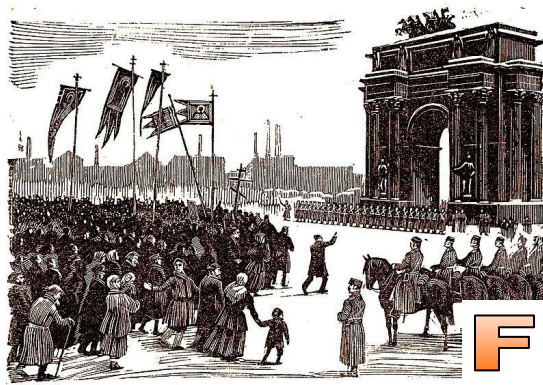


**E**

In June, 1905, sailors on the *Potemkin* battleship, protested against the serving of rotten meat. The captain ordered that the ringleaders to be shot. The firing-squad refused to carry out the order and joined with the rest of the crew in throwing the officers overboard. The Potemkin Mutiny spread to other units in the army and navy. Now industrial workers all over Russia went on strike and in October, 1905, the action of railwaymen paralyzed the whole Russian railway network.

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**H**



**F**

The Japanese victories over Russia was very unexpected. This would transform the balance of power in East Asia, with Japan entering onto the world stage. The embarrassing string of defeats and loss of the Russian fleet inflamed the Russian people's dissatisfaction with their inefficient and corrupt Tsarist government, and proved a major cause of the Russian Revolution of 1905.

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The present ruler has lost absolutely the affection of the Russian people, and whatever the future may have in store for the dynasty, the present tsar will never again be safe in the midst of his people.



**G**

**American Consul in Russia, 1905.**

**K**

**How far does source C support D ?**

Points of support or corroboration

P1:

P2:

Points not supported or corroborated

P1:

P2:

Mostly supports  Does not support

**How reliable is source D ?**

The content (what) is / is not reliable because ..

The provenance (who) is / is not reliable because

The purpose (motive) is / is not reliable

Mostly reliable  Mostly unreliable

**Quick Questions**

List the sources that refer to the war with Japan?

Why did the sailors on the Potemkin mutiny:

Did the revolution succeed?

**1905 Revolution Review**

Give four causes of the 1905 revolution

1 :

2 :

3 :

4 :

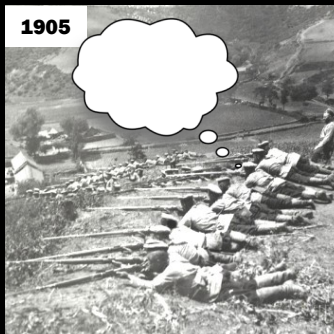
Which of the causes was the most important?



# The Russian Revolutions, 1905-1917.



Tsar Nicholas II + Family - The Romanov dynasty ruled Russia since 1613



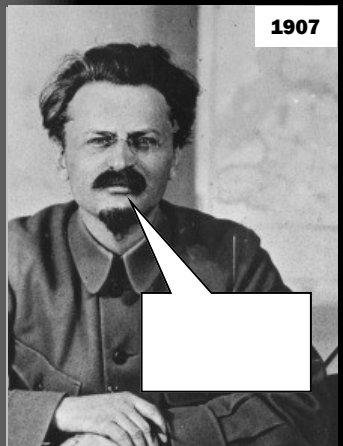
1905

Nicholas was unpopular and Russians wanted reform. He thought a war with Japan would boost his popularity. Most expected Russia to win this war easily. Left: Japan's soldiers wait to fire on their enemy.



1905

After the crushing of the revolution, tsar Nicholas promised to grant a number of concession to the Russian people in the October Manifesto. One of the promises was sharing some of his power with the Duma—below are the members of the new Duma or Russian parliament.



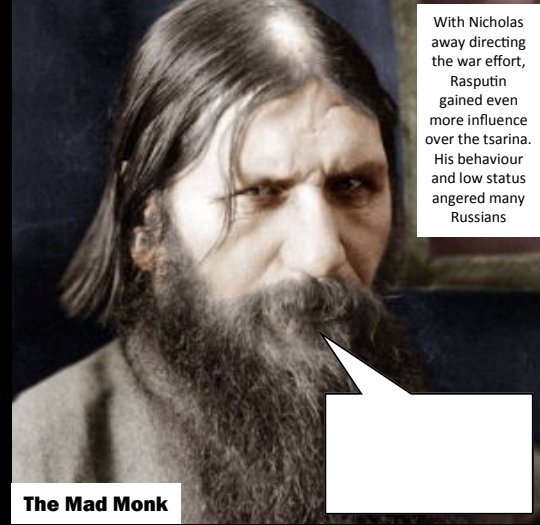
1907

But, Nicholas broke his promises. He ignored the Duma, closing it in 1907. He also arrested 'troublemakers' such as Leon Trotsky above.



1914

By 1914 Russia was at war again, this time fighting the Germans. Again the war went badly with the Russians losing millions of men. Nicholas decided he would go to the front and help command the army.



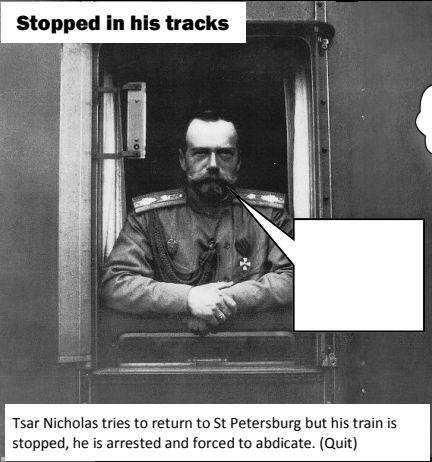
The Mad Monk

With Nicholas away directing the war effort, Rasputin gained even more influence over the tsarina. His behaviour and low status angered many Russians



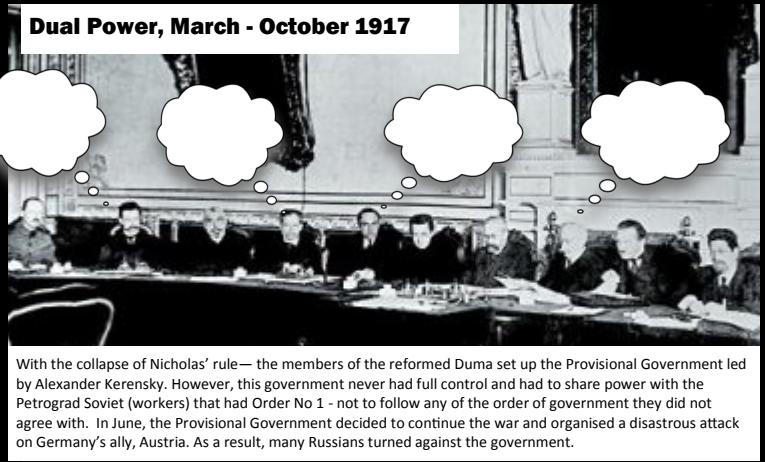
February - March 1917

With the war going badly, a freezing winter and food shortages crowds in Russia again marched against the tsar. This time soldiers refuse to fire on the people.



Stopped in his tracks

Tsar Nicholas tries to return to St Petersburg but his train is stopped, he is arrested and forced to abdicate. (Quit)



Dual Power, March - October 1917

With the collapse of Nicholas' rule—the members of the reformed Duma set up the Provisional Government led by Alexander Kerensky. However, this government never had full control and had to share power with the Petrograd Soviet (workers) that had Order No 1 - not to follow any of the order of government they did not agree with. In June, the Provisional Government decided to continue the war and organised a disastrous attack on Germany's ally, Austria. As a result, many Russians turned against the government.



The Russian people increasingly turned toward Vladimir Lenin. The leader of the Communist Bolshevik party, His slogan of 'Peace, land, and bread' and 'All Power to the Soviets' helped inspire the October Revolution of 1917.



Oct 1917

The Communist Bolshevik party take over Russia. It will now be renamed the USSR.

# 1905 - RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONS Review - 1918

1905

Spring 1917

October 1917



In a nutshell

In a nutshell

In a nutshell

Key Figures / Group

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Why revolution?

Why revolution?

Why revolution?

What happened?

What happened?

What happened?

Effect / Consequences / Outcome

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Effect / Consequences / Outcome



# Revolutions Review

Soviet Union Created

'All Power To The Soviets'

Effect = Broken Promises

Aim = Removal of the tsar

Cause = WW1

'Peace, land, bread'

Cause = Rasputin

Father Gapon

Army refused to fire

Russo - Japanese War

Aim = Reform

Bloody Sunday

Effect = Dual Power

October Manifesto

Food Shortages

Bolsheviks Took Power

Led by Lenin

Provisional Government



1905



March 1917



October 1917

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How did the First  
World War  
impact on  
Russia?

February  
Revolution

Why did Nicholas  
survive the 1905  
revolution?

Execution

Investigation :  
Why was Nicholas  
II removed from  
power?

Fully resourced, trial of Nicholas  
role play

October  
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Propaganda

Rasputin

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