**Russian Revolution NOTES**

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| **1904:** **Russo-Japanese War** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?)  |
| * + Humiliation and defeat (economic defeat as well)
	+ 89,000 Russians dead
	+ Worst Naval disaster in Russian History
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| **1905 Revolution:**  | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
| * + - Father George Gapon calls a strike when 4 workers in Petrograd are fired – in two weeks 120,000 workers are on **strike**
		- Strikers March on Winter palace – Palace guards fire into the crowd, 200 killed, 800 wounded. **(Bloody Sunday)**
		- Gains: Tsar Promises in the “**October Manifesto**” civil liberties (such as free speech) and an Elected “**DUMA”** (parliament) to make the laws
		- Reality: Totalitarian Gov. remains - Tsar appoints the Duma and he approves all laws (Duma has no real power)
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| **1914 - 1917****Russia in** **WW1** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
| * **Railways** support troops, not cities, and **food shortages** and starvation results on the home front
* Enormous **casualty** rates on the front lines (4 million dead in 1914)
* 1915 – Tsar Nicholas moves to the front lines to lead the troops – now is personally **blamed**
* Wife, Alexandra, and through her, **Rasputin**, rule at home (Rasputin is assassinated in Dec. 1916)
* **Germany encouraged nationalist** movements in Poland, Finland, and Ukraine (including Lenin and the Bolsheviks) to destabilize Russia
* Massive Russian Desertion from Front Lines (2 million by 1917)
* 1917: Bread, Coal Shortage, exceptionally cold winter
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| **1917****March Revolution**  | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1917****Lenin** **and** **“April Thesis”** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
| * Germany smuggles Lenin back into Russia – hopes to create chaos and cause Russia to exit WW1
* April Thesis = speech promising peace, seizure of land and factories form wealthy, power to soviet people
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| **1917****July Days** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1917****October Revolution****(Bolshevik Revolution)** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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|  **Cost of Peace:**  **terms of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (1917)**Land lost included:* 60 million people / 26% of population

(Finland, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia gain independence)* 26% of railway system
* 33% of manufacturing
* 27% of farmland
* 73% of iron industry
* 75% of coal mines

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| **1918- 1921****Civil War****(Red Bolsheviks vs. White )** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1918- 1921****War Communism** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1921****New Economic Policy** **(NEP)** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1921****Treaty of Rapallo** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
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| **1922****1924** | Description/ Notes | Significance? (Impact on culture, society, economy, later events?) |
| * Bolshevik Party becomes “Communist Party” or “Party”
* Russia changes its name to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
* Lenin dies January, 1924

(he had been shot in 1921, and it never fully recovered) |  |