**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 * SLOGAN+   “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!” |  |

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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 | Significance? |

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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) |  |