

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

(1905) 1917 - 1922

As early as

CAUSES

- Tsar Nicholas was on a high horse while others were starving. Thought he was ordained by God + that the people would respect him for that reason alone. WRONG! ^{peacefully}
- In 1905, they were protesting bc life sucked.
 - peasants didn't own their own land (1.5% of the population owned 25% of the land) even though the peasants worked the land. (Sound familiar? French Revolution?)
 - In cities, living conditions were brutal.
16 ppl/apartment ... approx. 6 ppl/room.
- Then the Tsar dragged Russia into WWI in 1914 which led to even less food, + forced military service.
- He tried to compromise by creating a sort-of government called the DUMA, but it didn't really satisfy the people or the Tsar.

The Tsar had his army shoot down the protesters outside his palace. BLOODY SUNDAY

How many? 200
83-4000?

FEBRUARY REVOLUTION (FEB. 1917)

March 1917

- Tsar Nicholas abdicates (steps down)
- Duma takes control + forms a provisional gov't with the assistance of the soviets.

Provisional gov't

- Bourgeoisie/Rich
- Democratic-ish
- Capitalist

Soviets

- representatives from workers' councils
- Socialists/Communists
- loyalty to lower classes
- Bolsheviks (communist)

April 1917: Vladimir Lenin returns to Russia (Communist-ish)

FUN
FACT

leader to the Bolsheviks). Germany actually pays his way back to Russia + allows him to pass through front lines bc they want Russia to drop out of the war + Lenin will help do that.

Provisional gov't decides to STAY in the war and Lenin, the Bolsheviks + other soviets say OH HECK NO!

OCTOBER REVOLUTION (October 1917)

Bolsheviks under Lenin's leadership overthrow the provisional gov't (Bloodless)
March 1918 - Treaty signed to get out of WWI.
July 1918 - Tsar's family is shot. (Poor little Anastasia!)

CIVIL WAR (Nov. 1917 - Oct. 1922)

"Reds" vs "Whites"

↑
Communists
Bolsheviks
(Lenin)

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Favored Monarchy / Capitalism
Backed by USA, Britain, etc.

LENIN TROTSKY: Coordinated the Red Army.

- Forced military service. Killed people who didn't want to join to set an example.
- Former Tsarist military officers forced to join. Their families were sometimes held captive to ensure loyalty.

Reds win in 1922. USSR is created.

Lenin dies in 1924.

- Trotsky + Stalin duke it out for leadership. Stalin wins. Trotsky is exiled + eventually assassinated in Mexico in 1940.

