

Week 1 : Key Terms	Week 2: Russia Before World War One	Week 3: Russia and World War One
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revolution - a large change.</li> <li>•Tsar - King of Russia.</li> <li>•Capitalist - a belief in economic rights and freedoms .</li> <li>•Democracy - Voting for a leader or government.</li> <li>•Communism - is the belief that the state should own all capital and enforce absolute economic sameness.</li> <li>•Monarch - King or Queen.</li> <li>•Bolshevik - A group of extreme communists.</li> <li>•Dictatorship - ruling a country without consent .</li> <li>•Totalitarian - total control</li> <li>•Dynasty - A family that has ruled for many years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Russia was ruled by a royal dynasty called the Romanovs.</li> <li>•The Tsar was called Nicolas II</li> <li>•Russia was however slow to modernise and had a very poor. and backward economy.</li> <li>•The people had not rights and not freedom of speech.</li> <li>•Ordinary people lived in great poverty.</li> <li>•In 1905 Russia lost a war against Japan.</li> <li>•In 1905 millions of people rioted and demonstrated against the Tsar.</li> <li>•The Duma was supposed to give some of the citizens a say in the government. However, the tsar still held most of the power.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Russia was a member of the Triple Entente.</li> <li>•Russia had very few modern weapons.</li> <li>•Russian soldiers were short of supplies and food through out the war.</li> <li>•Russian soldier were treated very badly by their officers. They were often punished .</li> <li>•The Tsar led the war effort and this made him very unpopular because the huge number of losses.</li> <li>•1.8 million Russian soldiers died in the First World War.</li> <li>•2.8 million Russian soldiers were injured.</li> <li>•Bolsheviks spread ideas about a revolution to the troops.</li> </ul> <p>The Tsar and Tsarina were influenced by Rasputin , who claimed to have magical powers.</p>
Week 4: February Revolution	Week 5: October Revolution	Week 6 : Stalin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•In 1917, Russia faced several challenges.</li> <li>•People did not trust the Tsarina because she was German.</li> <li>•Russia was short of food and fuel for the cold winter.</li> <li>•The first revolution was on 8 March 1917.</li> <li>•In Russia it was recorded as 28 February 1917</li> <li>•After the February Revolution, Tsar Nicholas II was forced to step down..</li> <li>•When a Tsar steps down it is said he abdicated.</li> <li>•He was replaced with a socialist provisional government.</li> <li>•This government was meant to rule for a short time until the country became stable again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•In October 1917 the Bolsheviks took over the government.</li> <li>•A new government was formed, with Lenin as its leader .</li> <li>•They thought that all the common working people should share in the wealth of the country.</li> <li>•They did not believe that individuals should be able to own land on their own .</li> <li>•They took away everything that the tsar's family had owned.</li> <li>•Lenin made peace with Germany in March 1918.</li> <li>•Some Russians hated the changes of them started a civil war ( 1920 - 1922).</li> <li>•In 1922 Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Joseph Stalin became leader of the Soviet Union after the founder of the Soviet Union, Lenin, died in 1924.</li> <li>•Stalin was a dictator.</li> <li>•Stalin was one of the most brutal leaders in world history.</li> <li>•He had anyone that didn't agree with him killed.</li> <li>•He also caused famines in areas of the country so people he wanted dead would starve.</li> <li>•Throughout his rule he would order purges where millions of people he thought were against him would be killed or put into slave labour camps.</li> <li>•Historians aren't sure how many people he had killed, but they estimate between 20 to 40 million.</li> </ul>