

WWI: Russian Revolution

Peace

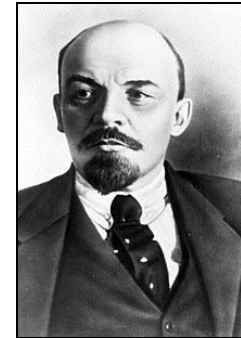
- Russians lost Russo-Japanese War
- Losing badly to Germany in WWI
- Very high casualties
- Want out of the war

Land

- Many Russians are poor
- Landless peasants
- Peasant = no money or property
- Want to spread wealth more evenly

Bread

- Russians are starving
- Led by incompetent (bad) leader
- Tsar Nicholas II (Tsar = King)
- Tsar does little to help people



REVOLUTION

1917

- Russians want peace, land, and bread
- Rebel against Tsar Nicholas II
- Revolution is led by a small group of Communists called the Bolsheviks
- Bolshevik = Russian Communists
- Led by Vladimir Lenin

Communism

- Bolsheviks support communism
- Marx's idea of redistributing wealth equally
- Government owns the means of production
- People (proletariat) will overthrow the owners and take control for themselves

Civil War

- Civil war in Russia: Reds vs. Whites
- Lenin is forced to compromise and allow some capitalism
- Sets out the New Economic Policy
- NEP allows for some capitalism temporarily
- Russia becomes the USSR