

# Russian Revolution Review **Key**

Name: Key

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Causes:

Discontent

Weak leadership of Czar Nicholas II

Defeat Russia Japanese War

Bloody Sunday

Criticisms of:

Nicholas II	Rasputin	Alexandra
~ poor military ~ poor political ~ left Tsarina in charge ~ refused accept advice of Duma	~ claimed healer ~ disliked by many ~ influence over Czar and Czarina	~ inexperienced ruler ~ influence of Rasputin ~ unpopular with German

Economic Problems	Social Discontent
* men join army * not enough workers * shortages * poor railway	* food shortages * population move * cities overcrowded

February Revolution

Strikes

Women protest

abdicate

Tsar orders troops on crowd

Closed duma

Dual Government

Provisional Government	Petrograd Soviet
- 12 member led by Kerensky - plan rule until elections	- 2500 deputies council - share power w/ provisional

Slogan: P peace, L and, B read

Lenin's April Thesis:

overthrow government

End war

Form new govt

Land to peasants

State control factories and banks

Why were the Bolsheviks successful?

1. Lenin : Organize party Propaganda  
Avoid capture and organize coup
2. Trotsky : joined Bolsh. After July Days Mastermind of coup  
organized Red Guard- military leader
3. Prov. govt : Kerensky lost support of army and was helpless

Bolsheviks Take Over

Land: taken from: church and nobility given to : peasants  
Press: non- Bolshevik banned  
Factories: under control of workers committees  
Peace: end WWI w/ treaty Brest- Litovsk  
Est. Checka: secret police to stop anti-communists

Constituent Assembly

Promised election  
Communists won 175 seats out of 700  
Lenin shut it down after 1 day  
Significance: first step in est. Communist dictatorship

Checka

Spied on spied on Russians  
Arrested suspected anti-communists  
Launched Red Terror

War Communism

Took over factories, railroads, banks, mines  
Checka seized surplus grain for Red Army

Kronstadt Revolt 1921

sailors at naval base strike  
Why/ accuse Lenin of breaking promise to workers

NEP- replaces War Communism

N ew E conomic P olicy  
Created some problems: allowed small capitalistic ventures

1923: Est. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)

1924: Lenin dies

Who to succeed Lenin?

Trotsky OR Stalin