THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

FROM CZAR TO COMMUNISM

LIFE BEFORE THE REVOLUTION

- Russians unhappy w/ govt for long time
 - Widespread hunger
 - Poor working conditions
 - Czar (Russian emperor) Nicholas II was a weak and stubborn leader
- WWI = MAJOR issue & cause of the revolution
 - Govt put all focus, \$ into military → lack of food
 - Russia = not industrialized → HUGE military losses
- Communists promised change for the working class
 - Communism = everyone is economically (\$) equal, no social classes, everyone owns everything

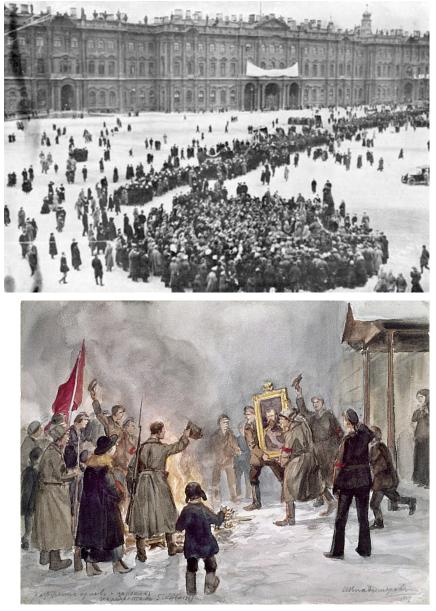




1ST REVOLUTION OF 1917

February Revolution 1917

- Worker strike, demand for bread
- Soldiers revolt
- Czar Nicholas II steps down
- Provisional govt.
 created



THINK-PAIR-SHARE

What similarities do you see between the Russian Revolution and previously studied revolutions?

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

- Leader = Alexander Kerensky
- People demanded immediate change
 - Peasants wanted to own land
 - Workers wanted power
 - Soldiers wanted Russia out of WWI
- Govt. decides to stay in WWI
 - Wanted to keep alliances with GB, FR
 - People were ANGRY!



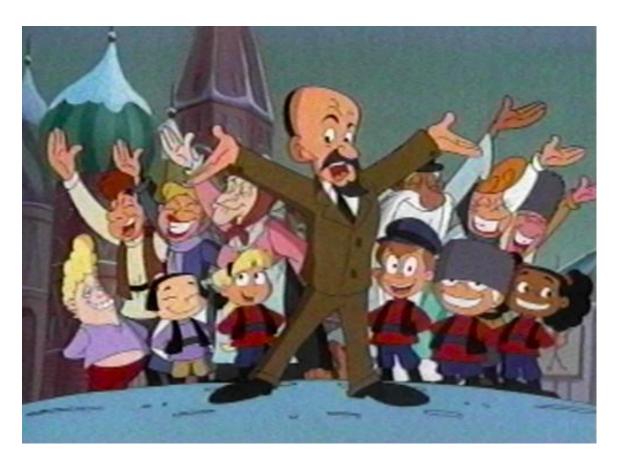
VLADIMIR LENIN & THE BOLSHEVIKS

- Lenin = Communist; leader of the Bolsheviks
 - Bolsheviks = Communist political party in Russia
 - Supported by workers and soldiers
 - Wanted a Marxist revolution for Russia
 - Upset that revolution in Russia was happening without him



VIDEO BREAK! ③

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZbho6AsBOc



2ND REVOLUTION OF 1917

OCTOBER REVOLUTION 1917

- Lenin & Bolsheviks revolted against Provisional Government
 - Lenin takes over Russia
- Quickly signs treaty with Germany
 - Ended Russia's involvement in WWI
 - Russia suffered huge territorial losses
 - Lost alliances with GB, FR
- Enemies of Bolsheviks immediately go to war with Lenin



RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR 1918 - 1922

- The White Army VS The Red Army
 - White = Supporters of the Czar, enemies of Bolsheviks,
 - \$ and support from US, FR, GB
 - Red = Bolsheviks, workers, peasants, soldiers
- Red Terror
 - Lenin, Bolsheviks kill 50,000 1 mill.
 "counterrevolutionaries"
- The Red Army wins = Russia is now communist
 - Millions dead from war and famine
 - Farms, factories, economy destroyed
 - Now known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)

