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## Revolution in Russia

## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- Explain the causes of the February (March) Revolution.
- Describe the goals of Lenin and the Bolsheviks in the October Revolution.
- Summarize the outcome of the civil war in Russia.

# The February Revolution

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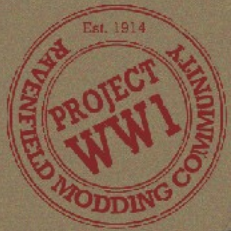
**Russia, unlike the rest of Europe, was very slow in industrialization**

**Much of the population endured poverty & a small middle class & working class emerged**

**Proletariat-** Class of business owners that owned the means of production

**The royal government struggled to keep peace during the time of war, & held no real power**





# Discontent

**WWI began to eat away at Russia's resources & many resources couldn't be delivered to the front**

**Nicholas the II went to the battle field leaving control of the nation to his wife**

**She trusted power in Rasputin, a "holy man" peasant, & eventually people distrusted the government**

**Nicholas II steps down from power in the wake of a peasant revolt**



# Lenin & the Bolsheviks

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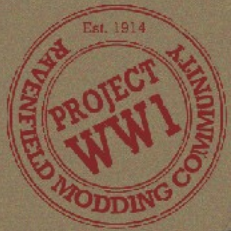
**Soviets-** Councils of workers & soldiers, began to plan for a new government

**Vladimir Lenin** becomes a revolutionary & sets his sights on reform

He takes over the Bolshevik party & begins to study the teachings of Karl Marx

Believed that only revolution could bring about change & trusted in communist ideas





# **The October Revolution**

**The war dragged on & starving soldiers began to mutiny from the military**

**The Bolsheviks & Lenin raise an army & attack the government & overthrow it**

**Private ownership of land was ended & distributed to peasants**

**The Bolsheviks rename themselves to the Communist Party**



# Russia Civil War



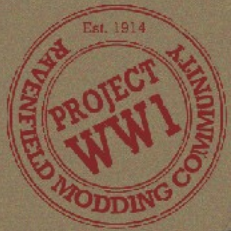
**Russia signs a treaty with Germany & leaves the Great War.**

**A 3 year civil war begins & the allied forces try to help out the “Whites” against the “Reds”**

**Cheka-** secret police force, were used to arrest the opposing party (White party)

**Commissars-** Communist party officials to teach the army party principals & loyalty





# Communist Soviet Union

**Russia unites the Russian Empire into the Soviet Union & set up a constitution**

**Lenin adopts the [New Economic Policy](#) to adopt some capitalist ventures to stop government seizure**

**Lenin dies at the age of 54, Stalin & Trotsky argue for control...**

**Stalin has Trotsky killed & becomes a dictator in the Soviet Union**