

Russian Revolution and Civil War: Crash Course European History #35

- 1) Analyze the reasons for the policy failures of Tzar Nicolas II (1868-1918) in directing the war effort and causing **Russians** immense suffering during **World War I** (1914-1919).
- 2) Evaluate the reasons why soaring **inflation**, **food scarcity**, and **casualties** in the millions during **World War I** caused **working women** in **Russia** to take to the streets of **Petrograd** (modern day **St. Petersburg**) for **International Women's Day** during the month of 1917.
- 3) Clarify the reasons why workers and soldiers revived the **councils**, aka **soviets**, after Tzar Nicolas II **abdicated** the throne and a provisional **Duma government** was set up in 1917.
- 4) Describe the effects of the **competition for power** on the **home front** in **Russia** that coexisted with **general support** for **World War I**.
- 5) Connect how the **Bolsheviks** broke with the **socialist** ideas of Karl Marx (1818-1883) and the **working class** to spearhead **revolutionary change** in **Russia** and form a new government that included an elite **cadre** of leaders needed to lead the **revolution**.
- 6) Analyze the reasons why the call of, "**Peace, Bread, and Land**," by Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) during **World War I** was answered by many **Russians** who flocked to his side to join his **grass-roots organization** and work to overthrow the **provisional Russian government**.

- 7) Explain what happened during the **October Revolution** in **Russia** in 1917.
- 8) Evaluate how the **Bolsheviks** lost the vote for the **Constituent Assembly** but still managed to grab power over the **Russian people** in January 1918.
- 9) Clarify what the **Bolsheviks** did to anybody who opposed them.
- 10) Analyze the reasons why Vladimir Lenin and the **Bolsheviks** accepted the **Treaty of Brest-Litovsk** in 1918 even though **Russia** ceded its western holdings to **Germany**.
- 11) Evaluate why the **Communist International** (1919-1943) spearheaded by the **Bolsheviks** aimed to promote and control the rise of **Communist parties** elsewhere around the world.
- 12) Analyze the reasons why YOU think the **Russian Civil War** (1918-1922) broke out in **Russia**.
- 13) Describe how the **Bolsheviks** took advantage of the divisions in **ideological thought** by confusing loyalties in order to weaken the other **political parties**.
- 14) Analyze the reasons why the **White Movement** was defeated by the **Red Army**.

15) Evaluate the type of **Communist society** that the **Bolsheviks** established in **Russia**.