

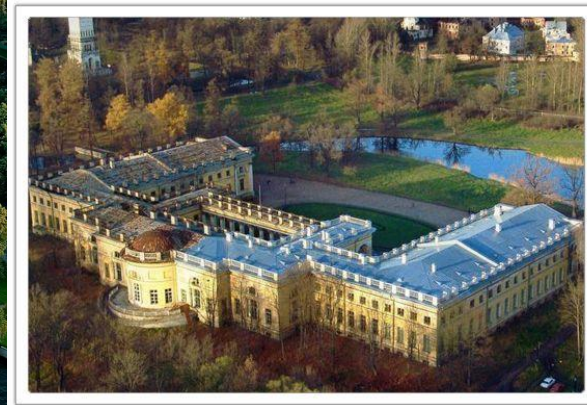
HISTORY OF



RUSSIA



Imperial Russia



Imperial Russia

- The Russian Empire lasts from 1547-1917-3rd largest Empire in history.
- Ruled by the Romanovs or Tsars (Emperor-Kings). The Tsar had ultimate authority on all decisions in the empire.
- The Tsar and the nobles (only the wealthiest 1% of people in Russia) owned and controlled almost all land in the empire.
- The majority (82% of all people in Russia (over 49 million people) were serfs (or peasants). They were considered “unfree peasants” that were “part of the land/factory that royals owned”
- During the Imperial Russia era, over 60% of factory workers were serfs

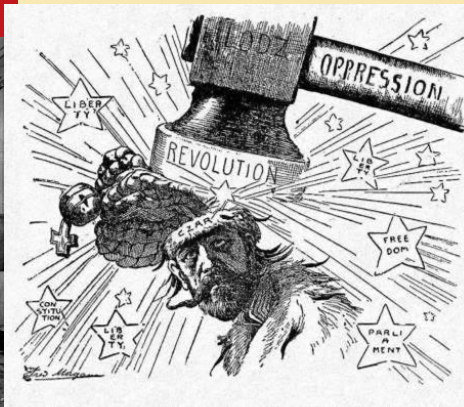
1. How much control of government decisions did the people have?
2. Does that mean the government was Limited or Unlimited?
3. Who was in charge of the government (who makes the decisions)?
4. What was the specific type of government for Imperial Russia?
5. Where on the Economic Spectrum do you think their economy was?

Peace, Land, & Bread



Told the workers and the peasants

Russian Revolution



Seeing stars of liberty.—Philadelphia Inquirer.



Russian Revolution

- 1917-1923 Bolshevik Revolution
 - As Russia began to industrialize and many serfs moved into cities.
 - People were unhappy with:
 - Bad working and living conditions, Low wages, Overcrowding
 - Political leaders, soldiers, and factory workers overthrew the government killing the Tzar and his family.
 - The people wanted equality, safety/security, and the ability to own land.
1. Why did the Russian Revolution happen?
 2. What did the people want?
 3. Predict: Do you think they got what they wanted with the new system of government?

Soviet Union



**LEGACY OF THE
RUSSIAN
REVOLUTION**

Soviet Union

- 1922-1991 Vladimir Lenin emerged a leader from the Revolution and set up a Communist system known as the Soviet Union.
- The idea behind communism was that all would be equal.
- After Lenin's death Joseph Stalin was "elected" and took control of the government.
- "The Government" was made up of voting members (but you had to be part of the Communist Party to vote) and they selected a leader who had absolute power over the government.
- The Government owned all land and held all political power giving it complete control over all Soviet citizens and their lives (not too different than before...)

1. Did the people get what they wanted?
2. How much control of government decisions did the people have? Limited or Unlimited?
3. Who was in charge of the government (who makes the decisions)?
4. What was the specific type of government for the Soviet Union?
5. Where on the Economic Spectrum do you think their economy was?

Russian Federation (Modern Russia)

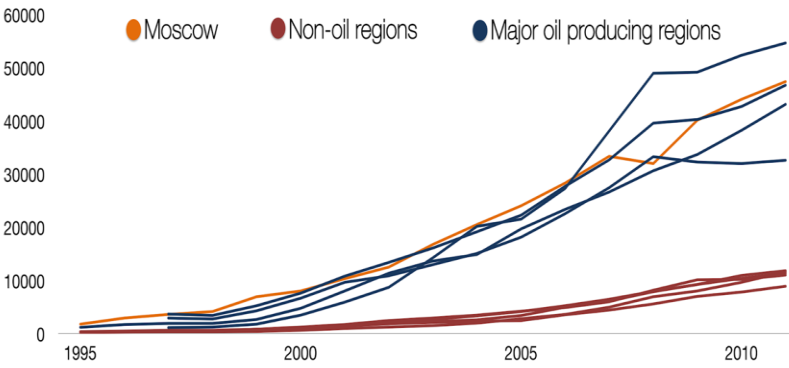


Russia's Richest and Poorest Regions

By average monthly income, Rubles

(Source: Rosstat)

● Moscow ● Non-oil regions ● Major oil producing regions



Transitional Context

IMPERIAL RUSSIA

1. Czars-kings and queens of Russia
2. 1 Family Ruled the country for over 300 years
3. Romanov Dynasty



RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

1. Last Czar Nicholas II and Family are killed
2. Led by Vladimir Lenin
3. Started ending disparity between Rich and Poor



SOVIET UNION

1. 1922-1991
2. Focus on Communism and 5-year developmental plans



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

1. Vladimir Putin-current president
2. Transitioned to "capitalism" but maintains certain communistic ideologies

