

Russian Revolution CHC 2D

Before the Revolt....

- Tsarist Russia was falling - economically, socially, politically
 - Tsar Nicholas II and his officials became more isolated, people lost confidence in his power
 - a council of working class leaders revolted against the government
 - Nicholas II abdicated and a provisional government was set up. Nicholas and his family were murdered a year later.
- But..... Revolutionary parties wanted more.....

Bolsheviks/Marxists

- revolutionary parties were divided into two groups: Mensheviks and Bolsheviks
- Bolsheviks were led by Vladimir Lenin who developed a Marxist interpretation of Russian affairs. Workers saw Marxist/Socialism/Communism as attractive
- Marxism (def.) -
- Socialism (def.) -

Summer Crisis and October (Russian) Revolution

- the provisional government was not doing any better than the Tsarist regime before it and the Bolsheviks gained power.
- Lenin took over the government in November of 1917 - the worlds first Communist government was established

Revolution and War

- Russia wanted a resolution to war. It wanted peace without annexations but was rejected
- in March 1918, it signed the Brest Litovsk treaty with Germany
- The Russian government renounced all claim to [Finland](#), the future [Baltic states](#) ([Estonia](#), [Latvia](#) and [Lithuania](#)), [Poland](#), [Belarus](#), [Ukraine](#), and (at [Talat Pasha](#)'s insistence), all claims to the land Russia had captured from the Ottoman Empire in the [Russo-Turkish War, 1877–1878](#), specifically [Ardahan](#), [Kars](#), and [Batumi](#). (