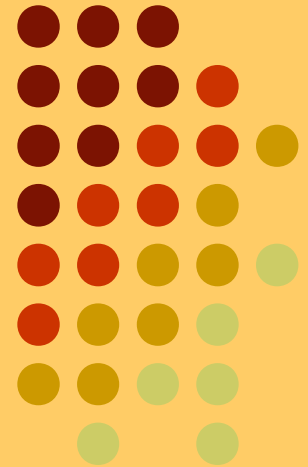


Unit 10

The Russian Revolution (1917)

Social Studies – ESO-4



The Russian Revolution



- **Background**
 - **Tsar Nicholas II**
- **The beginning of the revolution**
- **Lenin's succession**
 - **Trotsky**
 - **Stalin**
- **The terror and the purges**

The Russian Revolution



- **Background**
 - **1900 Russia – poor country**
 - **Peasants – primitive life**
 - **Tsar – absolute power & control**
 - **1905 – rebellion – Duma**
 - **1917 - WWI**



The Russian Revolution



- **The beginning of the Revolution**
 - **February 1917 riots in Petrograd**
 - **March 1917 Tsar abdicated**
 - **Republic with Kerensky**
 - **Opposition by SDLP (marxists):**
 - **Communist state**
 - **The party split**
 - **Bolsheviks (Lenin)**
 - **Mensheviks (Martov)**



The Russian Revolution



- **The beginning of the Revolution-2**
 - **Lenin**
 - **exiled in Switzerland**
 - **In April he returned**
 - **April thesis: “*peace, bread, land and freedom*”**
 - **Lenin wanted:**
 - **End of the capitalist war**
 - **Power for soviets**
 - **Revolution against government-marxism-leninism**

The Russian Revolution



- **The beginning of the Revolution-3**
 - **Red guards – Trotsky**
 - **October 1917 – revolution (Winter Palace attacked in St. Petersburg)**
 - **Bolsheviks in Moscow (Brest-Litovsk)**
 - **Tsar and family executed**
 - **1918 civil war (Bolshevik Red Army against Communist White Russians)**
 - **1921 – only the communist party was legal**

The Russian Revolution



- **The beginning of the Revolution-4**
 - **Cheka (secret police) & labour camps**
 - **1921 New Economic Policy:**
 - **Peasants could sell surplus production**
 - **Non-state-owned businesses**
 - **Vital industries – state**
 - **1924 – new constitution – USSR**
 - **1924 – Lenin died**

The Russian Revolution



- Lenin's succession
 - Trotsky
 - the most able and popular
 - He led the Red Army
 - **But** arrogant & former *Menshevik*
 - Stalin
 - Secretary of the party
 - **But** rude & ambitious
- Trotsky was exiled to Siberia and out of the USSR in 1929

The Russian Revolution



- **Stalin-1**
 - **Planned industry & agriculture -Gosplan**
 - **Five year plans**
 - **In 10 years production doubled**
 - **Poor Soviet workers**
 - **1929 – kolkhos (kulaks opposed)**
 - **10 million kulaks to labour camps - died**



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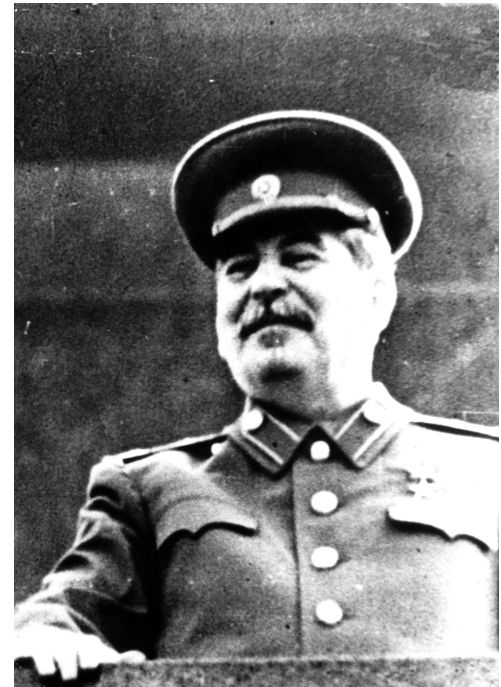
- **Stalin-2**
 - **In 1937 complete collectivization - no *kulaks***
 - **State farms (*soukhos*)**



The Russian Revolution



- **The terror and the purges**
 - **Joseph Jughashvili – Stalin**
 - He purged his enemies
 - NKUD (secret police) took away disloyals
 - **In 1939**
 - 3 million were dead
 - 9 million were prisoners
 - **Trotsky condemned this – murdered in 1940**



The Russian Revolution



- **Stalin**
 - He controlled information
 - History was re-written to favour him
 - Trotsky disappeared – he was removed from books, articles and photographs

