

Russia Chronology (Problems and “Solutions”)

Tsar

Russo-Japanese War (1904-5) – losses, famine

Revolution of 1905

Bloody Sunday

Opposition by many groups – Constitutional Democrats (bourgeoisie), Social Revolutionaries (peasants), Mensheviks and Bolsheviks (workers – communists)

Creation of the Duma

Limits and Failures of the Revolution of 1905

World War One (1914-1917)

The Tsar abdicates – What form of government would replace him?

Provisional Government

(February Revolution) Feb./March 1917 (Kerensky)

Problems:

World War One

Land Redistribution

Petrograd Soviet and exiled Bolshevik leaders

July Days

General Kornilov

Bolshevik Government and Lenin

(October Revolution) Oct./Nov. 1917

Problems:

World War One/Occupation of Foreign Troops (Treaty of Brest-Litovsk)

Land Redistribution

Constituent Assembly

Spreading Revolution beyond St. Petersburg and Moscow

International Revolution

Civil War (1919-1921) (Cheka)

New Economic Policy (NEP)

Problem of Lenin's Death

Power Struggle between Trotsky (Permanent Revolution) and Stalin (Socialism in One Country)

Stalin

Problems:

Industrialization

Agriculture

“Internal Enemies”

“External Enemies” (Capitalist countries and later Hitler)

“Solutions”:

Five Year Plans

Collectivization

Purge Trials, assassinations, forced labor (Gulags)

World War II (including Non-Aggression Pact with Hitler)

Think of the major problems facing Russia and the different governments. While understanding the choices made, what alternative actions do you think should have been taken?

Given your understanding of Marx’s ideas, was the Soviet Union under Stalin Marxism?