

Alexander II assassinated. His successor Alexander III begins a period of oppression (1881)
Peasant's Land Bank set up 1883
Witte becomes 'Finance Minister'. The 'Great Spurt' of industrial growth begins (1892)
Introduction of Land Captains (1889)
The Zemstva Act (1890)
Very bad harvests 1892 to 1893
Nicholas II becomes Tsar (1894)
68 strikes in Russia (1895)
Social Democrats formed (1898)
Outbreak of Russo-Japanese War, followed the next year by a revolution (1904)
14000 strikes in Russia (1904)
Social Revolutionaries (Populists) formed. 2000 Political assassinations between 1901 and 1905, including Grand Duke Sergei. They wanted to destroy the autocracy
Feb revolution (1905)
October Manifesto issued by the Tsar creates a Duma (Oct 1905)
The liberals split to form Octobrists and Kadets. (1905)

The Union of Russian People formed by Tsar. They were right-wing.
The Black Hundreds are formed.

Stolypin becomes Prime Minister (1906)

Stolypin is assassinated (1911)

Outbreak of First World War (1914)

The Tsar abdicates and the Provisional Government is established (Feb 1917)

Lenin returns to Russia and publishes his 'April Theses' (Apr. 1917)

July Days (Jul 1917)

Kornilov Affair (Aug 1917)

Bolsheviks seize power (Oct 1917)

Outbreak of Civil War (1918)

War Communism introduced (1918)

The Kronstadt Mutiny (1921)

NEP replaces War Communism (1921)

Creation of the USSR (1922)

Death of Lenin (1924)