

## History Topic: Russian Revolution

Key Term	Meaning
Capitalism	An economic system in which land, factories, and other resources are owned by individuals instead of the government.
Communism	An economic system in which land, factories, and other resources are owned by the government instead of the individuals.
Marxism	The ideology of Karl Marx, the founder of communism. Sometimes used interchangeably with "communism".
Socialism	An economic system where the means of production are collectively owned but people can still have private property and own their own businesses
Dictator	A ruler with total power over a country, typically one who has obtained control by force. A dictator is not from royalty.
Democracy	A system of government where people vote for their leaders.
Fascism	A political ideology that is usually ruled by a dictatorship and highly nationalistic.
Monarchy	A country ruled by royalty, e.g. a king, queen, prince, empress etc.
Authoritarian	A system of government favouring or enforcing strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom
Totalitarian	A system of government in which every aspect of people's lives is controlled and monitored by those in power
Empire	A group of countries, people or land ruled by one single, powerful country.
Aristocrat	Someone of noble birth, e.g. a lord, duke/duchess, earl/countess, prince etc.
Serf	An unfree person, often bound to the land he works and owned by the landholder
Bourgeois	Middle-class, often used in a negative sense by the Soviets.
Censor	To ban or cut out portions of information by the government to control ideas.
Collectivisation	A process by which privately owned farms are taken from their owners and combined into larger farms owned by the state.
Soviet	A workers council in Russia.
Bolshevik	A communist faction led by Lenin that ultimately took power and created the Soviet Union
Orthodox:	A form of Christianity practiced in Russia and Eastern Europe. Along with Catholicism and Protestantism, it is one of the major types of Christianity.
The Whites	Supporters of the Russian Royal family. They fought to overthrow the Bolsheviks in the Russian Civil War

**Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms**

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