

# Russian Revolution DBQ

## Document A

"What is going to happen to me and all of Russia? I am not prepared to be a Tsar. I never wanted to become one. I know nothing of the business of ruling." Nicholas II -

## Document B

- (1) An 8-hour day and freedom to organize trade unions.
  - (2) Improved working conditions, free medical aid, higher wages for women workers.
  - (3) Elections to be held for a constituent assembly by universal, equal and secret suffrage.
  - (4) Freedom of speech, press, association and religion.
  - (5) An end to the war with Japan
- The demands made by George Gapon and the Assembly of Factory Workers.

## Document C

"Comrade Workers, tear up all portraits of the blood-sucking Tsar and say to him: Be thou damned with all Thine August Reptilian Progeny!" Georgi Gapon during 1905

## Document D

"On this day I was born a second time, but **not** now as an all-forgiving and all-forgetting child, but as an embittered man, prepared to struggle and to triumph."  
-A St. Petersburg worker after Bloody Sunday January 1905

## Document E

"In a year of war the regular army had vanished. It was replaced by an army of ignoramuses."  
-General Brusilov -1915

## Document F

"The Russian people turned out to be psychologically inadequately prepared for war. The great majority of them, the peasants, scarcely had any definite idea of why they were being called up for the front. The aims of the war were unclear to them."  
-General Danilov, 1916

## Document G

"By the end of September, according to well-informed sources, this spirit of opposition reached an exceptional scale, which it had not attained-in any case among the broad masses-even during the period 1905-06... Despite the great increase in wages, the economic condition of the masses is worse than terrible. While the wages of the masses have risen 50 percent, the prices on all products have increased 100 to 500 percent."  
-Petrograd Police Report Oct 1916

## Document H

"Is this incompetence or is it treason? Does it matter practically speaking whether we are dealing with incompetence of treason? The government persists in claiming that organizing the country means organizing a revolution so it deliberately prefers chaos and disorganization."  
-Paul Miliukov, accusing government, Nov 1916

## Document I

I went on to say that there was now a barrier between him and his people, and that if Russia was still united as a nation it was in opposing his present policy. The people, who have rallied so splendidly round their Sovereign on the outbreak of war, had seen how hundreds of thousands of lives had been sacrificed on account of the lack of rifles and munitions; how, owing to the incompetence of the administration, there had been a severe food crisis, and - much to my surprise, the Emperor himself added, "a breakdown of the railways"  
- George Buchanan met Nicholas II at the Imperial Palace on 12th January, 1917.

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- From a Russian newspaper Jan 1917

#### Document K

"All attention here is concentrated on the food question, which for the moment has become unintelligible. Long queues before the bakers' shops have long been a normal feature of life in the city. Grey bread is now sold instead of white, and cakes are not baked. Crowds wander about the streets, mostly women and boys, with a sprinkling of workmen. Here and there windows are broken and a few bakers' shops looted."

-Harold Williams, Daily Chronicle Feb 1917

#### Document: L

On 12 March 1917 Rodzianko, the President of the Duma, telegraphed the Tsar:

"The situation is getting worse. Something has to be done immediately. Tomorrow is too late. The last hour has struck. The future of the country and the royal family is being decided."

The Tsar read it and said:

"Again, that fat-bellied Rodzianko has written me a load of nonsense, which I won't even bother to answer."

#### Document: M

Number in thousands of participants in political strikes	
Year	
1903	87*
1904	25*
1905	1,843
1906	651
1907	540
1908	93
1909	8
1910	4
1911	8
1912	550
1913	502
1914 (first half)	1,059
1915	156
1916	310
1917 (January-February)	575

\*The figures for 1903 and 1904 refer to all strikes, the economic undoubtedly predominating.