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Date _____



The Russian Revolution

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PEASANT:

Stuck in the past,

Work every day and get nothing but scraps.

Thought it was progress to abolish serfdom,

But legacies last.

My grandpa was forced to work the land for noblemen,

And don't pretend that anything's changed.

56 years since those days, it's

Still feeling like the Middle Ages.

Millions of peasants oppressed (stressed).

Money and food getting harder to get.

Given no rights by the Tsar.

So tired, I've got no fight left.

TSAR NICHOLAS II

Whoa, whoa, wait, hold up.

I was 26 when I became the Tsar.

You think I want to watch the people starve?

There's a lot of pressure; this job is hard.

Nicholas II, I was up for the challenge.

In 1905, protests at my palace,

I called in the troops. What else could I do?

Bloody Sunday—can't we just move on?

Plus, I gave you a parliament!

The Duma, citizen branch of the government,

A voice. That isn't enough?

What more do you want?

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We don't trust the Tsar.

Far from a leader, his little parliament

Is a joke. Once any argument

Doesn't go his way, he squashes it,
Overruled, Duma shut down.
Wasting our money at war while our towns
Starve. Look who's in charge at the palace
While Nicholas acts like he's part of the battle.
His wife Alexandra's at home,
But she isn't making decisions alone.
Rasputin's too close,
A mystical healer, but what does he know?
He's calling the shots for the country.
While people go hungry, the royals get rich!
We're Bolsheviks! Socialist!
Down with the system!

VLADIMIR LENIN

In a system where workers are squeezed,
A revolution is brewing beneath.
Take it from Marx, or take it from me
Capitalism'll tear at the seams.
I'm Vladimir Lenin, inspired by Marx.
A fire is coming and we are the sparks.
The people have spoken, we'll take to the streets
To take down the system immediately.
Workers on strike, the whole city froze.
Nicholas had to abdicate his throne.
Progress for sure, but fighting for more.
Poor people hungry, Russia at war (still!).
I promise the people their "land, bread, and peace."
October Revolution came and we see
Communism spread near and far.
Long live the USSR!

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