

Experiencing the October Revolution and Its Aftermath

Who will you be through one of history's most turbulent times?



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Working Class

- factory worker, soldier, farmer, seamstress, low wages
- generally poorly educated
- generally religious – Russian Orthodox
- poor living conditions in urban and rural Russia
- history as serfs (like slaves in Russia)
- largest portion of the population



High/Middle Class

- doctors, professors, scientists, owners and managers, priests and high religious officials
- generally well educated, college degrees
- generally religious – Russian Orthodox
- good living conditions, generally urban



Noble Class

- generally these people did not work and made money from family wealth and large land/industrial holdings
- some were well educated, military education for men and artistic education for women
- very religious – Russian Orthodox
- best living conditions, parties, palaces, country and city estates
- smallest portion of the population including the royals



Questions to Consider

1. What does this artifact tell me about my role in Russian society?
2. What does this artifact tell me about my standing in Russian society?
3. What can I learn about the Revolution from this artifact?
4. Assuming the role of my assigned class, what is my reaction to this artifact? Should I support the Revolution? Why or why not?
5. What is my reaction as a student/in real life?
6. How are my reactions similar to or different from my groupmates? Why?

Concluding Discussion

Given what you've learned, what do you think about these big questions?

1. How do different mediums (video, audio, photo, painting, text) reflect the same event in history?
2. How are people and countries changed by moments in history?
3. How are people connected to their histories?

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