

Events of April – November 1917

1. The Provisional Government's authority steadily collapsed:

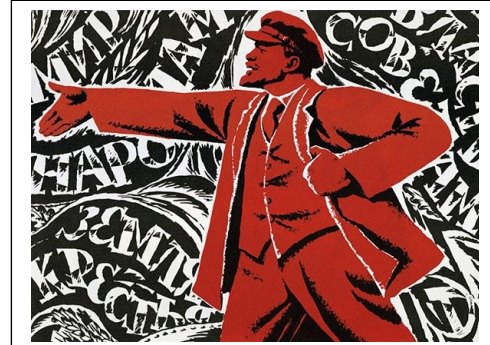
- The war effort was (failing / falling / ending)
- Thousands of soldiers were fighting / running / deserting)
- Kerensky became Minister for (Peace / Land / war)
- He ordered a new (house / army / attack)
- The attack ended in (disaster / failure / success)
- The Russian army began to fall (down / apart / inside)
- In the countryside, peasants were taking over (councils / land / food)
- Many soldiers were (strong / peasants / rich)
- They did not want to miss their turn for (success / weapons / land)
- More and more soldiers began to (desert / dessert / disappear)

Kerensky



2. The July Days

- What were the Bolsheviks protesting against?
- What did these protests turn into?
- What did Kerensky say about Lenin?
- What happened to support for the rebellion?
- What did Lenin do?
- What did Kerensky do? 2 things



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3. The Kornilov Revolt

- Key Bolshevik, Leon Trotsky became the leader of the Petrograd S_____
- In September 1917 the a_____ leader, General Kornilov m_____ his troops into Petrograd
- He intended to o_____ the Provisional Government and get rid of the B_____
- Kerensky had some troops he could rely on but they were no m_____ for Kornilov's forces
- In desperation he t_____ to the Bolsheviks and the Petrograd Soviet for h_____
- The Bolsheviks organized an a_____ called the R_____ G_____
- Kornilov's troops r_____ to fight members of the Soviet and the rebellion c_____
- The Bolsheviks regained the popular s_____ they had lost in the July Days

4. Explain why the Provisional Government had lost support of different groups in Russia
5. Explain why the Bolsheviks had gained support.
6. What was the situation by the end of September 1917?
7. Imagine you are Lenin addressing a crowd of Russians in 1917. Write a short speech persuading the Russians that the Provisional Government is a failure and that change is needed. Remember in order to create a strong argument and get people to listen to you, you need lots of factual information, explain the mistakes the Provisional Government are making. Think about the different groups in society, how can you target the peasants, army and workers?

If it helps you can use the following headings:

- The war
- Land distribution
- Starving people
- How are the Bolsheviks intending on solving these problems?