

The October/November Revolution

Key questions

- How were the Bolsheviks able to seize power?
- Who were the key individuals involved in the revolution?

The revolution Oct/Nov 1917

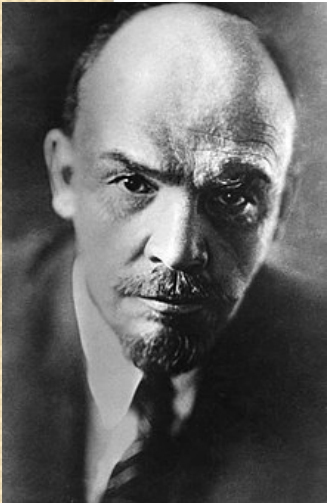
- Read through the information sheet titled 'The October revolution' Complete the tasks on the sheet



Write down the names, and one point about each

Leading Bolshevik Members

Vladimir Lenin



Leader of the Bolsheviks. Had spent a lot of time out of Russia, due to exile. As 1917 wore on, he became more radical

Leon Trotsky



Had been a member of the Mensheviks, but he joined the Bolsheviks in 1917. He was the leader of the Petrograd Soviet. He supported armed uprising, and was in charge of the Red Guards

Nikolai Bukarin



He was less radical. He thought 1917 was too soon to take power.

Marx v Lenin

Marxism

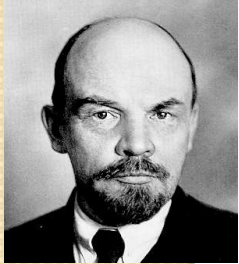
Communism will inevitably happen, as society will naturally move from capitalism to socialism to communism

Marxist-Leninism

You need to 'jumpstart' the revolution, by using a small number of committed revolutionaries. They need to seize power by force, through an armed uprising.

Lenin believed in Karl Marx's theory but thought he needed to adapt it to ensure the revolution happened when he wanted

Trotsky or Lenin: Who contributed more to the November Revolution?



Make your choice – justify it



- **Lenin**

- i. Leader of the Bolsheviks
- ii. Believed revolution would not happen unless a small dedicated group of revolutionaries made it happen
- iii. Built up support for the Bolsheviks with the April Theses
- iv. The master strategist – the planner
- v. Worked behind the scenes
- vi. Insisted the time was right in November, when others doubted him

- **Trotsky**

- i. Joined the Bolsheviks in 1917 (history of revolutionary activity since 1900)
- ii. Leader of Petrograd Soviet
- iii. Organised the revolution – directed it within Petrograd – made it happen
- iv. Inspirational public speaker - addressed many meetings in the weeks leading to the revolution
- v. The public face of Bolshevism

Describe Questions

Describe two problems faced by the Provisional Government when it was formed in March 1917

Describe two problems faced by the Provisional Government when it was formed in March 1917

- Self assessment – :
 - i. Are there 2 clear parts to the answer – one on each problem
 - ii. Does the first sentence begin with: One problem facing the Provisional Government was.....
 - iii. Is the problem relevant
 - iv. Does the next sentence begin with: This was a problem because.....
 - v. Is the explanation clear – does it make sense
 - vi. Does the next section begin with: Another problem facing the Provisional Government (or similar)
 - vii. Is this a relevant problem
 - viii. Is there a second sentence explaining – the word because must be used...

Use the bullet points to give yourself a WWW / EBI

Task

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV9GIQUIm7w>

Watch the clip to consolidate what you have learnt so far