

## **Russian Revolution (1917)**

### **I. Causes**

#### **A. Peasant revolts**

- i. Permanent debt
- ii. Not enough food
- iii. 80% of the population were peasants

#### **B. Industrialization**

- i. Too fast for Russia's poor economy
- ii. Lots of hours for little pay

#### **C. WWI**

- i. High casualties
- ii. Military defeats
- iii. Food and fuel shortages

### **II. Effects**

#### **A. Civil War- lasted three years**

- i. Bolsheviks: "Reds" wanted communism
- ii. Mensheviks, landowners and nobles: "Whites"

#### **B. Bread riots: demanded bread and end to war**

#### **C. End of Nicholas II reign**

- i. Nicholas and his family were imprisoned and killed