

Russian Revolution DBQ

Directions

Examine the primary source cartoon and primary source quotes below and answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Document 1:



From a Russian newspaper 1917

Document 1 Questions:

1. This cartoon was published in 1917. How is this date significant to what was happening in Russia and WWI?
2. What is the opinion of the Russian people toward Czar Nicholas? Use evidence from the political cartoon.
3. What is the Czar doing? What do you see in the background? How can cartoons like this change public opinion?
4. What two examples of symbolism in this cartoon?

Document 2:

Telegram despatched by the Serbian Crown Prince, *Alexander*, to Russian Czar *Tsar Nicholas II* in the midst of the so-called *July Crisis* of 1914.

"Yesterday the Austro-Hungarian Government presented to the Serbian Government a note about the murders at Serajevo. Ever since this horrible crime was committed Serbia has condemned it. We are willing to investigate the plot and we will severely punish any Serbians who are found to be involved. But, the demands from Austria-Hungary are unnecessarily humiliating for Serbia. However, they say we must agree to all of them in forty-eight hours or Austria-Hungary is threatening us with war. We are prepared to accept some of the conditions but we need more time and the Austro-Hungarian army is already preparing for war. We are unable to defend ourselves and we beg your Majesty to help us. The friendship which your Majesty has always shown toward Serbia gives us confidence that our appeal to your noble heart will *be answered.*"

-CROWN PRINCE ALEXANDER Belgrade, July 24 1914

Document 2 Questions:

5. Why did Czar Nicholas agree to help Serbia?
6. Why was this a poor decision?