**1905 Revolution**

* Russia was being humiliated in a war with Japan (Russo-Japanese War 1904-1905)
* workers unions began protests around working conditions
* A peaceful strike lead by Georgy Gapon marched on the winter palace
* Soldiers opened fire and nearly 1 000 protestors were killed (Bloody Sunday)
* More strikes followed including the mutiny of the crew of the battleship Potemkin
* Nicholas II finally agreed to creating an elected legislature (Duma)
* The Duma was controlled by a party loyal to the Tsar, so little change took place
* Many revolutionaries had to flee the country or they were arrested.