

**ELECTED MEMBERS OF
THE FIRST RUSSIAN
DUMA**



**YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO
MEET ON THE TWENTY-
SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL
1906 AT THE TAURIS PAL-
ACE IN ST. PETERSBURG.
HERE THE MEETING OF THE
FIRST DUMA WILL TAKE
PLACE AS RUSSIA CHARTS
ITS PATH INTO THE
FUTURE.**

APRIL 1, 1906

Background

The Revolution of 1905 brought sweeping changes in Russia as Tsar Nicholas II attempted to bring order to the chaos that had erupted. On October 30, 1905 the Tsar published the October Manifesto which made provisions for the election of a Duma (parliament). The Duma would be elected by Russians who own immovable property or pay house tax or business tax. The approval of the Duma is necessary for the passing of national laws. The Manifesto also set of a Council of Ministers, whose President would be the leader of the Russian Duma (parliament). However, the approval of the Tsar is necessary for the passage of law.

The Duma

It is the spring of 1906 and the sitting of the first Russian Duma is about to take place. The Tauris Palace in St. Petersburg has been prepared for the 497 representatives who will sit in the Duma. Here are the party divisions in the first Duma.

Kadets (Constitutional Democrats)	184 seats
Social Revolutionaries	124 seats
Social Democrats/Independents	112 seats
Russian Monarchist Party (parties on the right)	77 seats

Your party will need to deliver an address to the Duma at this first sitting stating your parties objectives so that Russia might move forward and become a prominent player on the world stage.

Your Task:

1. Your first objective once your party has met is to elect a leader. The leader will be responsible for delegating tasks to the party members and must deliver the speech that your group will prepare for the first sitting of the Russian Duma.
2. You party must answer the following questions which deal with the Revolution of 1905, the creation of your party, and the future of Russia:

Remember: The responses to each of the questions should be from the point of view of the party that you represent.

- a. What were some of the causes that lead to the Revolution of 1905?
 - b. What were some of the immediate results of this Revolution?
 - c. State your party ideology (beliefs).
 - d. How does your party view the monarchy and Tsar Nicholas II?
 - e. What does your party want to get out of the newly elected Duma?
 - f. Is it best for change to be evolutionary or revolutionary? Explain.
3. Create a speech that will be delivered at the first sitting of the Russian Duma. The speech should contain answer to the questions found above.

Grading:

You will receive both a group mark and an individual mark for this assignment.

Group:

	4	3	2	1
Required Elements	The speech has a clear beginning, middle and end. All the questions are answered. Evidence of research both from class materials and outside sources. Rough copy and good copy of speech are submitted.	The speech has a clear beginning, middle and end. All the questions are answered. Rough copy and good copy of speech are submitted.	Most of the questions are answered. Speech has been submitted.	Most of the questions are unanswered.
Speech Delivery and Participation	The speech is delivered with passion and the group is supportive of their leader.	The group is supportive of their leader.	The group is either passionate or supportive of their leader.	The group is neither passionate nor supportive of their leader.

Speech: Rough Copy

Introduction:

Introduce your party and some of your core beliefs.

(Why are you here? What is the most important issue facing Russia? When/How should change take place?)

Answer Questions:

Answer the questions from the point of view of your particular political party.

Conclusion:

Restate your primary goals/beliefs