

Communist Russia / Animal Farm

1917 - October - The communists, known at this time as Bolsheviks, overthrow the Czar of Russia and his government	
1917-1924: Vladimir Lenin is the first leader of The Soviet Union. He profoundly believed in the abolition of social classes and oppression. Under his leadership basic rights are given to people such as free education.	
1921: Russia experiences a time of relative stability and prosperity	
1922: Russia joins with three other countries, Ukraine, Belarus and Transcaucasia to become The Soviet Union	
1923: The flag for the Soviet Union is created - a red rectangle with a hammer and sickle in the top left corner. The hammer and sickle represent the basic tools of the working person.	
1924: Lenin dies. His body is embalmed and is interred in a glass coffin so it can be viewed by the public.	

<p>1924: Joseph Stalin becomes leader of communist Russia. He eliminates all opposition to him.</p>	
<p>1929: Trotsky, an important leader in the communist revolution, is expelled from The Soviet Union after opposing Stalin's rise to power for a number of years.</p>	
<p>1931-33: The Soviet Union experiences mass famine.</p>	
<p>1933: The USA officially recognises the Soviet Union as a country</p>	
<p>1936: Stalin announces the discovery of a plot to overthrow his regime - Trotsky is said to be the ringleader. Thousands of people are sentenced to death for their supposed part in the plot.</p>	
<p>1934: The League of Nations (a representative body with members from most countries around the world), invited the Soviet Union to join</p>	