

Worksheet: Russia in 1914

Recall: key terms and conditions

Use these questions to consolidate the key features of Russia in 1914. Aim to use the correct historical terms in every answer.

Q1. Match each term to its meaning by writing the correct letter beside each number.

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| 1. Autocracy | A. The Tsarist secret police |
| 2. Okhrana | B. Imposing Russian language and culture on subject peoples |
| 3. Duma | C. Rule by a single, unlimited authority |
| 4. Russification | D. The limited elected assembly |

Answers: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

Q2. Name the three pillars that supported the Tsarist autocracy in 1914.

Q3. Approximately what proportion of Russia's population were peasants in 1914?

Answer: _____

Apply: the four forces

Now apply the "forces" framework. Connect each condition to a consequence — that causal link is what earns analysis marks.

Q4. Complete the "four forces" table for Russia in 1914. For each force, give one condition and explain why it created instability.

Force	Condition in 1914	Why it created instability
Political		
Economic		
Social		
International		

Q5. Explain in 2–3 sentences how rapid industrialisation created a social group that threatened the regime.

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Extend: evaluating Tsarist weakness

Bring the lesson together in one extended response. Plan a position before you write.

Q6. "The greatest weakness of the Tsarist system in 1914 was political, not economic or social." To what extent do you agree? Write a structured paragraph that takes a clear position, supports it with specific evidence, and acknowledges at least one alternative view.

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