

Module 03: 1917 — Did the War Cause a Revolution?

Resources

Printed Materials

Edward Acton, Vladimir Iu. Cherniaev, and William G. Rosenberg, eds., *Critical Companion to the Russian Revolution 1914-1921* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997).

Orlando Figes, *A People's Tragedy: A History of The Russian Revolution, 1891-1924* (New York: Viking Press, 1997).

Peter Gatrell, *Russia's First World War: A Social and Economic History* (Harlow, England: Peason/Longman, 2005).

Peter Holquist, *Making War, Forging Revolution: Russia's Continuum of Crisis, 1914-1921* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002).

John Reed, *Ten Days That Shook the World* (New York: Modern Library, 1960).

Joshua A. Sanborn, *Drafting the Russian Nation: Military Conscription, Total War, and Mass Politics, 1905-1925* (De Kalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2003).

Melissa K. Stockdale, "'My Death for the Motherland is Happiness': Women, Patriotism, and Soldiering in Russia's Great War, 1914-1917." *American Historical Review* 109(1) (February 2004): 78-116.

Ronald Grigor Suny, "Toward a Social History of the October Revolution." *American Historical Review* 81(1) (February 1983): 31-52.

Rex Wade, *The Russian Revolution, 1917* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000).

Online Resources

[First World War.Com](http://www.firstworldwar.com), created by Michael Duffy. Detailed historical overview of World War I with access to extensive primary source materials, including maps, memoirs, photographs, songs, and poems.

[The Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century](http://www.pbs.org), created and hosted by PBS to accompany the 1996 broadcast series on World War I. Explores the origins of the

conflict and how it became a global war that reshaped the political balance in Europe. Includes maps, descriptions of key battles, and a forum in which historians comment on key events during the period, including the revolutions in Russia.

Marxists Internet Archive. Extensive compendium of Marxist writings, including the complete works of Lenin, Trotsky, and John Reed's *Ten Days that Shook the World*, as well as the writings of other revolutionary figures. The "History Archive" provides links to an encyclopedia of Marxism and Marxist thinkers. Multimedia materials include photographs and music.

The November Revolution: The Bolshevik "Coup d'État" November 7, 1917, hosted by the Avalon Project at Yale Law School. Provides electronic versions of diplomatic communiqués about the Bolshevik takeover.

The Russian Revolutions: A Timeline by Robert Wilde (2004). Detailed, annotated timeline on the social and political contexts of the Russian revolutions from the mid-nineteenth century through 1918.

"Russian Revolution" and "World War I", hosted by the Internet Modern History Source Book. Includes primary sources from the Russian Revolution and World War I. Also links to relevant websites.

Seventeen Moments in Soviet History: 1917, created by James von Geldern (Macalester College) and Lewis Siegelbaum (Michigan State University). Richly documented multimedia sourcebook for Soviet history. Includes extensive materials on the revolutions of 1917 and the Bolshevik seizure of power, a searchable database, glossary, and biographical index. Requires one-time, free registration to access the site.

War and Revolution in Russia 1914 - 1921 by Jonathan Smele. BBC-supported website linking Russia's experience in World War I to the unfolding revolutionary crisis.

World War I Document Archive, hosted by the Brigham Young University Library. Online database of primary materials from treaties to personal diaries and published primary accounts. Searchable by keyword and year. Includes numerous photographs and galleries. Materials assembled by volunteers from the World War I Military History List.

World War I Remembered, created by BBC News, 1998. Retrospective account of the war's impact on the lives of soldiers and civilians. Includes audio clips of interviews with World War I veterans, battlefield photographs and film clips, and excerpts from letters soldiers sent from the front.