Unit 2 Questions (Revolutionary Russia)

1. How did discontent in pre-revolutionary Russia lead to the March Revolution of 1917? (In your answer, consider the roles of the autocratic government of the Tsars, the plight of peasants and factory workers; demands by groups such as the Marxists, the impact of Russo-Japanese War and World War I and the influence of Grigori Rasputin)

2. Explain how the policies of the Provisional Government led to its unpopularity and its ultimate downfall by the Bolsheviks in November 1917.

3. Why were the effects of the March Revolution also causes of the November Revolution?

4. Do you believe the revolution in November 1917 was universally supported by the Russian people? Explain.

5. Describe the key events and immediate outcome of the Russian Civil War.

6. Explain how the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk and “war communism” enabled Lenin to consolidate power in Russia.

7. Explain the economic and social impact of the New Economic Policy.

8. What role did each individual below play in the Russian Revolutions of 1917:
   - Nicholas II
   - Alexander Kerensky
   - Vladimir Lenin
   - Leon Trotsky