

IMPACTS OF WORLD WAR I

1. Why did Russia go to war in 1914?
 - a. Wanted to establish themselves as **superpower**, in the hope to bring **pride and honour** to the country
2. What was the impact of WWI on Russia (economic, political, social)?
 - a. Economic:
 - i. **Drained** the country's reserves → became almost bankrupt because war took a **toll on country's resources**
 - ii. Food prices **skyrocketed**
 - b. Political:
 - i. Russia became pictured as **weak and unable**, people **lost faith in the rulers**, thought they were **corrupt**. Higher echelons of society and army generals became **disenchanted** with Tsar's leadership and **support for him wore away**.
 - ii. Tsar put **Tsarina** in charge, who was influenced by **Rasputin** → who was corrupted
 - iii. Tsar went to **lead the war yet HE FAILED** → he was **blamed for defeat**
 - c. Social:
 - i. Food prices **inflated** → people **UNHAPPY**
 - ii. Supplies low, difficult living conditions
 - iii. People **hostile to government**
3. In what ways was the Russian war effort in 1914-1917 hindered by the autocratic nature of its government?
 - a. Messy government → no person to lead the country in **right direction**; leader is **inefficient**
4. How convincing is the argument that the **sufferings imposed** by the First World War were **entirely responsible for the discontent** felt by the Russian people in the years leading up to 1917?
 - a. NOT CONVINCING
 - b. **Strong discontent felt** even before 1914
 - c. Justify with **1905 REVOLUTION**