

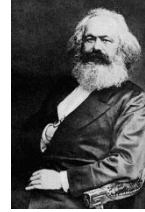
# Chapter 23

## Rise of **Communism** & Russian Revolution



### Understanding **Communism**

- What is Communism?
- Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels
- Bourgeoisie - wealthy middle class (to Marx, the bad guys)
- Proletariat - working class (to Marx, the good guys)
- *Communist Manifesto* & *Das Kapital*



### Early Russian History

- Viking tribe - the Rus - invade..."the land of the Rus"
- Ivan III - first true national leader of Russia
- At Dawn of Modern Age when Western Europe was moving out of the Middle Ages, Russia was embracing feudalism
- Romanov Dynasty
- Peter the Great
- Catherine the Great



### Russia in 1800's

- Alexander I - victorious struggle against Napoleon
- Nicholas I - Crimean War
- Alexander II - "Czar Liberator" who freed the serfs but was assassinated by revolutionaries
- Alexander III - *pogroms* against Russian Jews (think *Fiddler on the Roof*)

### Russian Revolution

- Nicholas II & Alexandra, granddaughter of Queen Victoria
- Five children - Olga, Tatiana, Marie, Anastasia, & Alexei
- Alexei was born with disease hemophilia
- Bloody Sunday at the Winter Palace in St Petersburg
- Constitution & Duma
- World War I
- "February Revolution" - Provisional Government & Kerensky - Nicholas II abdicates - Feb 1917
- "October Revolution" - Lenin & the Bolsheviks take over - Nov 25, 1917
- Russia ends its involvement in WWI before the war is over



### Russian Civil War

- White Russians (White Army opposing Communists) versus Red Russians (**Red Army**)
- Bolsheviks brutally murder Czar Nicholas II & family as the White Army approaches



### Russia Under Stalin

- Collectivization of farms
- Used famine as genocide
- The Great Purge and countless atrocities during 25 year dictatorship

