What were the social, economic and political conditions in Russia before 1905?

In what ways was the working population in Russia different from other countries in Europe, before 1917?

Why did the Tsarist autocracy collapse in 1917?

Make two lists: one with the main events and the effects of the February Revolution and the other with the main events and effects of the October Revolution. Write a paragraph on who was involved in each, who were the leaders and what was the impact of each on Soviet history.

What were the main changes brought about by the Bolsheviks immediately after the October Revolution?

Solution

The main changes which were brought about by the Bolsheviks immediately after the October Revolution:

- Banks and industries were nationalised.
- Land was declared social property, thereby allowing peasants to seize it from the nobility.
- In urban areas, houses were partitioned according to family requirements.
- Old aristocratic titles were banned, and new uniforms were designed for the army and the officials.
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Write short notes on the following:

1. kulaks
2. the Duma
3. women workers between 1900 and 1930
4. the Liberals