

## Summer Assignment Global IIR

The summer assignment is a **REFLECTIVE PAPER** passed off the book *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & Fall of Imperial Russia*. Students should answer the following questions based on the book. Each answer should be at least 5-7 sentences. Details and examples from the book should be used whenever fitting. The rubric for reflective paper should be stapled to the front of your paper, it can be found at the bottom of this page. Please number each answer and do them in the correct order. The paper will be collected on Monday, September 16, 2019. All late papers will be deducted 10 points for everyday that it is late. The reflection paper will count as the first quarter project, which is equivalent to a test grade. Students should be sure to follow the proper page requirements.

Page requirements:

- 12 point font
- Times New Roman font
- 1 inch margins all around
- Double spaced
- MLA Heading in the top right corner

Example:

Your Name  
Teacher's Name  
Summer Assignment  
Due Date

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Questions to answer:

1. Discuss the characteristics that made Nicholas II a weak and ineffectual leader.
2. After the pre-coronation panic that killed an estimated fourteen hundred people, Nicholas II went forward with social plans. How did this decision make a poor first impression on the Russian people and begin to sow the seeds of anger and resentment in the population?
3. Why did the Russian people celebrate the birth of the future tsar, Alexei, when their current tsar did nothing to improve their lives?
4. How did the belief in divine right allow the Russian people to dismiss the tsar's responsibility for their miserable living conditions? How did this notion change after the March massacre of January 22, 1905, Bloody Sunday?
5. What is meant by the term fool's paradise, and how does this term describe the tsar and his choices?
6. Discuss why the Russian army was ill-prepared to fight the German army and why the tsar was clueless about the predicament.
7. How did Rasputin take advantage of Alexandra's insecurity, religious obsession, and paranoia?
8. How was the Cossacks' decision not to fire on the protesters, at the Winter Palace of 1917, a historical turning point?
9. Why, other than anger and revenge, would the Bolsheviks want to eliminate the royal family?

10. Discuss how life under Lenin, and eventually Stalin, resembled life under the tsar.