

# PROVE IT!

## Collapse of the Tsarist regime

This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.

Print off and cut out the cards below and place them face down. Turning over each in turn, think of a fact/event which proves the claim. If you are finding it too difficult, use the factsheet to help you.

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| Russia in 1905 was difficult to govern                        | Russia was huge   | Agriculture was backward   |
| The Tsar was a second-rate ruler                              | The Tsar's government was inefficient                   | The Tsar was an autocrat   |
| The Tsar's government was repressive                          | Bad harvests caused revolution                          | The Tsar's government was humiliated in 1905                     |
| Opposition grew towards the Tsar's government                 | In 1905, the Tsar lost control of the government        | In 1905, the Tsar was forced to offer reforms                    |
| Stolypin was a reforming prime minister                       | Stolypin was a cruel prime minister                     | After 1905, the Tsar reneged on many of his reforms              |
| The Tsar did not listen to the Duma                           | Before 1914, opposition towards the government was weak | Many peasants loved and worshipped the Tsar                      |
| The Russian army in the First World War was useless           | The First World War threw Russia into chaos             | The First World War caused failed harvests and famines           |
| The First World War disrupted the supply of food to the towns | The First World War wrecked the Russian economy         | The First World War caused great suffering in Russia             |
| The First World War increased hatred of the Tsar              | After 1915, the government of Russia fell into chaos    | In 1915, the Tsar left the Tsarina in charge; this was a mistake |
| Rasputin damaged the Tsar's government                        | Hunger and hardship caused the Revolution of 1917       | The Tsar lost control of Russia when he lost control of the army |
| In 1917, events spiralled out of control                      | By 13 March 1917 the Tsar had lost all control          | The March ('February') Revolution led the Tsar to abdicate       |