

## Russian Revolution Key Figures

**\*You may use this to help you determine the connections to the characters in Animal Farm.**

**Propaganda department:** worked to improve Stalin's image and promote his support.

**Czar Nicholas II (1868-1919):** the last emperor of Russia. Ruled from 1894 until 1918, when he and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks. Often cruel and brutal to his subjects.

**Karl Marx (1818-1883):** wrote the Communist Manifesto and set ideas of revolution and the Communist ideal in motion.

**Joseph Stalin (1897-1953):** Communist leader of Russia from 1920-1953 after Vladimir Lenin. Known for his violent executions and persecution.

**Leon Trotsky (1879-1940):** differed from Stalin in Communist ideals; follower of Marxism. Expelled from the Communist Party by Stalin and his followers.

**Dedicated supporters of Stalin:** generally undereducated and highly naïve. Continue to work without question.

**Former aristocracy:** moved away from Russia to continue to live their lavish lifestyle.

**K.G.B.** Stalin's development of the People's Commissars for Internal Affairs, which became Russia's Secret Police.

**Critics of political and social change.**