

• Lenin

- 1870 - 1924

- real name...

Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov

• - life defining moment...

his older brother was
put to death by
tsarist police for
an attempted
assassination of

● Tsar Alexander III,
(Nicolas's father)

- dedicated life to ending tsarist rule
- avid reader & writer
- - took "pen" name Lenin to hide his identity
- arrested & imprisoned for 1st time in 1895
- - exiled from Russia numerous times

- - started extreme wing of communist party in Russia called...
Bolshevik Party,
means majority
- - obsessed with Marx & use of violence to achieve change
- - saw Russian peasant class as similar to Marx's factory working proletariat

- led Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in Nov. 1917
- implemented communist rule in Russia after a brief civil war
- only ruled Russia for five years

importance

- 1) took Russia out of WWI, gave up much land to Germany

2) 1st to implement ideas of Marx on a nationwide scale

3) began concepts of violence & terrorism w/in Russia to maintain communist rule, later rulers maintain this,

ex. gulags,

Siberian prison camps

4) Lenin's body was displayed to the public, under glass for ~75 years

5) his slogan...

"Peace, Land, Bread"

6) changed name of Russia to ... USSR

Union of Soviet Socialist Republic

or
Soviet Union

(National Socialist Workers Party)