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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

In preparation for your son or daughter's entrance into Honors World History next year, this letter explains the summer reading assignment they are required to complete, which consists of three parts.

The first part involves answering questions for documents on the Russian Revolution. This will assist them in writing a well-written response at the bottom of the assignment "Putting it all Together." There are directions for this part of the assignment (attached) and the responses are to be typed, proofread, double-spaced, 1" inch margins all around, and Times New Roman as the font size 12.

The second part involves reading the book The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming. You can purchase this book at the Sparta Book Store or through any online book source. There are directions for this part of the assignment (attached) and the responses are to be typed, proofread, double-spaced, 1" inch margins all around, and Times New Roman as the font size 12.

The final part requires the locating of four current **world news** articles from *The New York Times*. There are directions for this part of the assignment (attached) and the responses are to be typed, proofread, double-spaced, 1" inch margins all around, and Times New Roman as the font size 12.

The first assignment (Document Based Question Activity) will count as a formative assessment and the last two parts will be combined into a summative assessment for the First Quarter. These assignments are due on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016.**

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting one of us through e-mail or phone listed below. We will also post copies of these assignments on our websites and through Google Classroom. The class code is **0i728jw.**

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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Part I

Russian Revolution DBQ (Summer Assignment-Honors)

Directions:

Examine the primary source cartoon and primary source quotes below and answer the questions in a Google Doc with editing privileges. Please include "textual evidence" with your responses.

Document 1:



From a Russian newspaper 1917

Document 2:

"I am not yet ready to be Tsar. I know nothing of the business of ruling."
-Nicholas II

Document 3:

"His character is the source of all our misfortunes. His outstanding weakness is a lack of willpower." -Sergei Witte

Document 4:

Kerensky, the leader of the government that took over from the Czar in 1917 said in his memoirs, *Crucifixion of Liberty* in 1934;

"The daily work of a monarch he found intolerably boring. He could not stand listening long or seriously to ministers' reports, or reading them."

Document 5:

Telegram dispatched by the Serbian Crown Prince, Alexander, to Russian Czar Tsar Nicholas II in the midst of the so-called July Crisis of 1914.

"Yesterday the Austro-Hungarian Government presented to the Serbian Government a note about the murders at Serajevo. Ever since this horrible crime was committed Serbia has condemned it. We are willing to investigate the plot and we will severely punish any Serbians who are found to be involved. But, the demands from Austria-Hungary are unnecessarily humiliating for Serbia . However, they say we must agree to all of them in forty-eight hours or Austria-Hungary is threatening us with war. We are prepared to accept some of the conditions but we need more time and the Austro-Hungarian army is already preparing for war. We are unable to defend ourselves and we beg your Majesty to help us. The friendship which your Majesty has always shown toward Serbia gives us confidence that our appeal to your noble heart will be answered."

-CROWN PRINCE ALEXANDER Belgrade, July 24 1914

Document 6:

On 12 March 1917 Rodzianko, the President of the Duma, telegraphed the Tsar:
"The situation is getting worse. Something has to be done immediately. Tomorrow is too late. The last hour has struck. The future of the country and the royal family is being decided."

The Tsar read it and said:

"Again, that fat-bellied Rodzianko has written me a load of nonsense, which I won't even bother to answer."

Document 1 Guiding Questions:

1. This cartoon was published in 1917. How is this date significant to what was happening in Russia and WWI?
2. What is the opinion of the Russian people toward Czar Nicholas? Use evidence from the political cartoon.
3. What is the Czar doing? What do you see in the background? How can cartoons like this change public opinion?
4. What are two examples of symbolism in this cartoon?

Document 2 Guiding Questions:

1. Provide two examples from Czar Nicholas' reign that prove he really was not ready/equipped to rule.

Document 3-4 Guiding Questions:

1. Provide one example of a historical fact from Czar Nicholas' reign that proves these quotes true.

Document 5 Guiding Questions:

1. Why did Czar Nicholas agree to help Serbia?
2. Why was this a poor decision?
3. What happened in July 1914 that encouraged Austria-Hungary to set a 48 hour deadline?

Document 6 Guiding Questions:

1. What is getting worse?
2. How did the Czar's response help lead to the revolution?

Putting it all Together:

In one well written paragraph (topic sentence, four middle sentences, conclusion, and transitions) answer this question:

Based upon these sources, what is the cause of the Russian Revolution? Support the response with four pieces of evidence and cite them.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Summer Reading and Current Event Assignment

Part II: Read Candace Fleming's book, **The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia** and complete the following:

- * Select **5** quotes you feel are significant in terms of key ideas, such as an important theme, a major conflict, characterization, or symbolism.
- * Copy each quote directly on to your page and write the PAGE NUMBER where it is found.
- * Under each quote, write your analysis on why it is significant to the story. Do not simply summarize the scene where the quote is found, but think "big picture" to explain its importance to the book as a whole.
- ** Your analysis of each quote should be one paragraph (5 sentences) in length, typed, proofread, double-spaced, 1" inch margins all around, and Times New Roman as the font size 12.

Part III (Directions)- New York Times News Article Assignment

Choose **4** current **WORLD NEWS** articles to read over the summer. For each article, write a one paragraph (5 sentence) personal response. You could write whether you agree or disagree or what interested you about the article. **Make sure you provide several textual references or details to support your opinion.** To coincide with the above book, try to incorporate an article from Russia. Use the "hot spots" of the World such as Syria, Ukraine, North Korea, Sudan, etc. to help with the assignment.

DO NOT simply summarize the article.

All of your responses are to be typed, proofread, double-spaced, 1" inch margins all around, and Times New Roman as the font size 12.

Everything for this assignment will be submitted electronically in a Google Doc with editing privileges, including the links to your articles.