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|                         | Drew on **Mystique of French Revolution**:  
                         | a. got rid of landed aristocracies and ruling classes;  
                         | b. peasant uprisings in countryside, more educated leadership in the cities |
|                         | Communist revolutions **led by highly organized parties**  
                         | guided by Marxist ideologies |
| Middle Class were victims of Communist upheavals |
| Revolution was **Sudden & Explosive**:  
a. Nicholas II abdicates 02/17  
b. massive social upheaval  
c. ineffective Provisional Government  
d. refusal to withdraw from WWI  
e. growth of more radical groups, esp. Bolsheviks, led by Lenin  
f. Oct. 1917 coup, acting on behalf of Soviets |
| Revolution was **Prolonged Struggle**:  
  a. began 1911 with collapse of Qing Dynasty  
  b. Chinese Communist Party (CCP) formed in 1921  
  c. formidable enemy - Guomindang (Nationalists) who took power in 1928  
  d. Guomindang promoted modernization in cities, but countryside remained impoverished  
  e. peasants therefore drawn to Communists |
| Civil War solidifying Power of Communists:  
  a. controlled economy  
  b. suppressed nationalism  
  c. committed atrocities  
  d. moved toward totalitarianism |
| Occupied new nations to expand Communism |
| Both supported “**Communist Feminism**”  
  a. directed by the state  
  b. political and economic equality  
  c. women in workforce encouraged by the state  
  d. women retained burden of housework and childcare as well as working outside the home  
  e. few women became part of the political leadership |
| a. Efforts to end private property by collectivization - **accompanied by violence** - Kulaks killed |
| **Communism in the Countryside**:  
  a. took landed estates and redistributed land to the peasants  
  b. result in both countries was massive famine |
<p>| a. efforts to end private property by collectivization - mostly peaceful |</p>
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| Communism & Industrial Development: both states saw industrialization as fundamental to their modernization  
  a. to end poverty and "backwardness"  
  b. desire to create military strength to survive in a hostile world  
  c. China followed USSR’s model  
    i. state ownership of property  
    ii. centralized planning  
    iii. priority given to heavy industry  
    iv. party intrusiveness - to control the process  
    v. both achieved major economic growth  
    vi. improvements in literacy / education  
    vii. rapid urbanization  
    viii. creation of privileged bureaucratic and technological elite |
| USSR leadership accepted social outcomes of industrialization - gradual move away from idea of “worker’s paradise” and revolutionary values |
| China under Mao attempted to combat social effects of industrialization seeking small-scale industrialization during “Great Leap Forward”; Wanted to achieve “Full Communism” - people's communes |

**The Search for Enemies:** both SU and China under Stalin and Mao saw significant paranoia on the part of leadership.  
 a. feared that important communists were corrupted by the bourgeois ideas of liberalism - became enemies  
 b. fear of a vast conspiracy by enemies and foreign imperialists to restore capitalism  
 c. USSR: the Terror (the “Great Purge”) of the late 1930’s - enveloped millions of Russians including tens of thousands of prominent communists who were sent to Siberian Gulags or were executed  
 d. China: Cultural Revolution: public process where the leadership lost control. Mao called for rebellion against the Communist Party to purge it of millions of Capitalist sympathizers. Had to call in the army to avoid a civil war