



Periodization of Russian/Soviet History

- Tsarist period: to 1917
- The Revolutions: 1917
 - February: overthrow of the tsar
 - October: communist revolution
- Civil War: 1917-1920
- Stabilization and power struggle: 1921-1927
 - Lenin's stroke: 1922
 - Lenin's death: 1924
- Building of communism: 1928-1941

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- WWII: 1941-1945
- Post-war reconstruction, economic and military development: 1945-1960s
- "Era of Stagnation:" 1970s, early 1980s
- Perestroika: 1985-1991
 - Attempted coup: August 1991
- Post-communist period: 1991+
 - The turbulent 90s: transformation
 - The Putin era: stabilization (2000+)

Perestroika ("Restructuring")

- "Acceleration"
- The "human factor"
- Glasnost ("openness")
- Democratization
 - Limited
 - Multi-candidate, not multi-party
- Minor economic reforms
 - Small private businesses
 - Limited foreign investment

