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Section 2

Up until the 1905 revolution the Tsars authority had rarely been challenged as there had been no unified reason for the country to revolt. Up until 1905 there had been lots of tension rising in Russia causing the population to question the Tsars authority ultimately leading to a revolution in 1905. There were many reasons for the 1905 revolution including worker and peasant discontent, political problems, bloody Sunday and the Russo-Japanese war. The event of Bloody Sunday was a crucial reason for the 1905 revolution as it can be seen as the spark which caused it.

One reason for the 1905 revolution was

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| <p>peasant and worker discontent. Workers were unsettled due to the horrible working conditions and low wages which had no sign of being resolved by the Tsar. Peasants were troubled due to low availability of land workable land which led to a poorer way of life for them.</p> | |
| <p>This shows that the people of Russia were deeply unexcited with the role of the Tsar as he showed little care for his people or the quality of life they had. However, this would not have alone been able to cause a revolution as there was no strong spark such as Bloody Sunday to cause great disturbance and no unified cause for both workers and peasants to join together as they, if they did revolt, would most likely be crushed.</p> | |

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by the military just as done so in the past. In evaluation, peasants and worker discontent can be seen as important as it created tension in the country and allowed for people to see a change was needed with the Tsar.

Another cause was political problems in Russia. The Tsar had a lack of care for amending laws for anything apart from free speech meaning not much change was occurring in the country. There had also been a call for some form of elected assembly which the Tsar had no intention of fulfilling which caused for many intelligentsia to agree that a change needed to be made. This shows that even the upper classes were discontent with

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| | <p>the Tsar, not just the workers, so greater amounts of tension were built across all aspects of Russian society making revolution likely. However, ^{the} failure of the 'go to the people' showed only caused discontent amongst the new politicians were unable to politicise peasants and the intelligentsia and it wasn't enough and how it would be difficult to cause an of a plot to make them to try and uprising for the same reasons. over took his authority In evaluation, political problems were important for the 1905 revolution as it showed that the Tsar was so incompetent he couldn't keep any aspects of his country secreted so there was a greater call for change from a wider range of classes.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Russo-Japanese war was an important cause of the 1905 revolution. During this war both Port</p> |

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| | <p>Arthur and Mukden fell to the Japanese due to the Tsar greatly underestimating their strength. This resulted in the Treaty of Portsmouth being declared which stated Japan as the winners of the war and declared that Russia must remove all troops from Manchuria. This shows that the myth of Tsar invincibility was proven wrong to the population which helped people to see that it would be possible to overthrow him as well as prove him as not a good leader. However, this still did not directly cause a revolution as it wasn't enough to make all the people of Russia rise against the Tsar in attempts to challenge his authority. Inevitably, the Russo-Japanese war was an important reason for the 1905</p> |

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| | <p>revolution as it helped to create tension between the Tsar and his people as money and time was spent on this war they lost rather than on improving working conditions or improving the politics of Russia.</p> |
| | <p>Finally, Bloody Sunday was a very important reason for the 1905 revolution. This was the massacre of 200 peaceful protesters done on the order of the Tsar. This event caused an uproar from the people of Russia and allowed all classes to bond with a unified cause to attempt to overthrow the Tsar immediately after. This shows that Bloody Sunday was important as it allowed for a spark to be created after all the build up of tension</p> |

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spectacle like Bloody Sunday that was
ultimately needed in order to bind all
the population as one in anger to
attempts to overthrow the Tsar.