

BACKGROUND TO REVOLUTION:

The Russian people had suffered under Czar Nicholas I (1796- 1855). Known as the "*Iron Czar*" he was able to maintain political control through the use of a secret police. During his reign the gap between the aristocracy and the peasantry widened. In fact, during this time there were over 500 peasant revolts.

- Nicholas I died in 1855



<http://www.biography.com/people/rasputin-9452162/videos/rasputin-the-mad-monk-216>

- 1855-1881 Alexander II



- 1881-1894 Alexander III



In 1894, Nicholas II took the throne. Although he was

intelligent and compassionate, he would prove to be the last

of the czars.



 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ev5dNfRncFo>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SloCT4wmugQ>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvDMlk3kSYg>