The Russian Revolution:

Choosing An Opinion

**Your Assignment**

Answer the questions below from each group’s presentation.

Option # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

What does this group think the most important concerns in Russia are?

What does this group think the future of Russia should be?

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**Your Role – Choose ONE**

Anya—You are a 24-year-old soldier’s widow with two children. Your husband was killed last year. When you can, you work in your apartment as a seamstress, and you take in laundry. Your mother lives with you and helps with daily work and child care. As a soldier’s widow, you receive a very small government pension, which wartime inflation quickly exhausts. As a group, the soldiers’ wives (soldatki) are politically active. You participated in food riots before and after the February Revolution. On April 11, you and fifteen thousand other soldatki marched through the city and presented a list of demands to the Petrograd Soviet.

Nikolai—You are a married 42-year-old postal clerk. Your three children attend school. You have helped organize a postal clerks’ union, which has successfully sought an eight-hour day and a wage increase. You favor the election of managers in the postal service. You are weary of poor housing, dirty drinking water, and food shortages. You feel optimistic that the revolution will bring positive results to your union and to Russia as a whole.

Grigorii—You are a 34-year-old Russian Orthodox priest who serves a parish in the Vyborg district (a major industrial suburb) of Petrograd. You are compassionate and concerned about the spiritual and physical health of your poor working-class parishioners. Several members of your church were killed and injured during the violence of the February Revolution. Optimistic about Russia’s future, yet realistic about the uncertainties ahead, you like to greet others with the phrase “Russia has arisen,” a paraphrase of the customary Easter greeting, “Christ has arisen.”

Which of the options would you support most strongly? Explain your reasoning.