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| **GEOGRAPHY AND PEOPLES**  **Summary of Imperial Russia** | **SOCIETY AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE** |
| 1. Vast empire: 8 million square miles – 5000x2000 miles   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Population growth to 165 million people   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Variety of races, languages, religion and culture. 55.6% were Russian, 22.4 % Ukranian, 7.9% Polish etc.   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Major cities and capital based in European Russia only. Only ¾ Russians lived in European Russia (West of the Ural Mountains)   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Predominantly rural country. 11:1 village to town dweller ratio (compared to 2:1 in Britain)   Explain why this was a problem: | 1. Mainly peasant population 85% (‘dark masses’)   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Small (although growing) Working class 4%   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Limited Middle class and Intelligentsia 1.5%   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Tiny, dominant Upper class 12%   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Ruling class 0.5%   Explain why this was a problem: |

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| **TSAR AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM** |
| 1. Autocracy – absolute rule   Explain why this was a problem:   1. State censorship of expression and press   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Growth of extremism and underground revolutionary groups e.g. The People’s Will   Explain why this was a problem:   1. No Duma (Representative Parliament)   Explain why this was a problem:   1. Prohibition of political parties   Explain why this was a problem: |