1. Compare and contrast the crises in state authority that precipitated the French Revolution in 1789 and the February and October Revolutions in Russia in 1917.

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| Economic similarities | Political Similarities | Political Differences |
| French | French | French |
| Mismatch between estates and reality  Financial crisis  Third Estate (mostly peasant farmers)  bourgeoisie  *ancien regime* (Old Regime)  Jacques Necker | Assembly of Notables  Louis XV/ Louis XVI  *Lettre de cachet*  Estates General  Abbé Sieyès, *What is the Third Estate?*  Age of Montesquieu”  National Assembly  Tennis Court Oath  storming of the Bastille  “Great Fear” | *Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (enlightened ideas)*  Age of Montesquieu” |
| Russian | Russian | Russian |
| Russian backwardness (mostly peasant farmers) | Nicholas II  Russo-Japanese War  Treaty of Portsmouth  Revolution of 1905  October Manifesto  “Bloody Sunday”  Duma  February Revolution  Provisional Government  Alexander Kerensky | Mensheviks  Vladimir Lenin ( Marxist ideas) **"Peace, Land, Bread"**  **October Revolution** resulted in a **communist** dictatorship  Bolsheviks  Leon Trotsky  Red Army  Cheka  Communist Party  Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, 1918  Russian Civil War  Reds  Whites  “war communism”  Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) |