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 realityFinancial crisisThird Estate (mostly peasant farmers)bourgeoisie*ancien regime* (Old Regime)Jacques Necker | Assembly of NotablesLouis XV/ Louis XVI*Lettre de cachet*Estates GeneralAbbé Sieyès, *What is the Third Estate?*Age of Montesquieu”National AssemblyTennis Court Oathstorming 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 IIRusso-Japanese WarTreaty of PortsmouthRevolution of 1905October Manifesto“Bloody Sunday”DumaFebruary RevolutionProvisional GovernmentAlexander Kerensky | MensheviksVladimir Lenin ( Marxist ideas) **"Peace, Land, Bread"****October Revolution** resulted in a **communist** dictatorshipBolsheviksLeon TrotskyRed ArmyChekaCommunist PartyTreaty of Brest-Litovsk, 1918Russian Civil WarRedsWhites“war communism”Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) |