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Reading Seminar Guide (RSG)

Assignment #3: Choices pages 19-24

Focus Question: Why did the Revolution of 1905 not topple the czar?

Directions: Answer the focus question by using 3-5 quotations/passages from the text.

- 1) Copy the quotation/passage in the evidence column.
- 2) Comment on each piece of evidence (quote) by ...
 - a) interpreting the quote/evidence in your own words, giving context and
 - b) explaining how the evidence/quotation answers the focus question

Concrete Detail (CD)

Quoted Passage of the Text
(Page, Paragraph #)

Example

CD #1 Quote/Passage

"Tsarist Russia had no legislature and no constitution. Russian subjects were not entitled to freedom of speech, assembly, or worship. Any public dissent or opposition was stifled or stamped out by the tsar's secret police. The government carefully censored all publications."

or, you could shorten it to...

*"Tsarist Russia had no legislature...
...carefully censored all publications."*

(pg 1, ¶4)

Commentary (CM)

Interpret the quote in your own words. How does this quotation answer the focus question?

Example

CM #1

- A) What is the context of the quote?
- B) How does it answer the focus question?
 - a) *Russia's system of government was a monarchy, ruled by the tsar (or emperor) since 1613. Because the tsar had absolute (total) control, the peasants (or serfs) had virtually no rights.*
 - b) *Taking away the rights of 90% of the population was a time-bomb waiting to explode on the czar. It would only be a matter of time before the people realized how they were being exploited and rose up against the czar.*

Concrete Detail (CD)

Quoted Passage of the Text
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Commentary (CM)

Interpret the quote in your own words. How does this quotation answer the focus question?

Thesis: Use your commentary to answer the focus question by creating a single thesis statement.