Liberalism

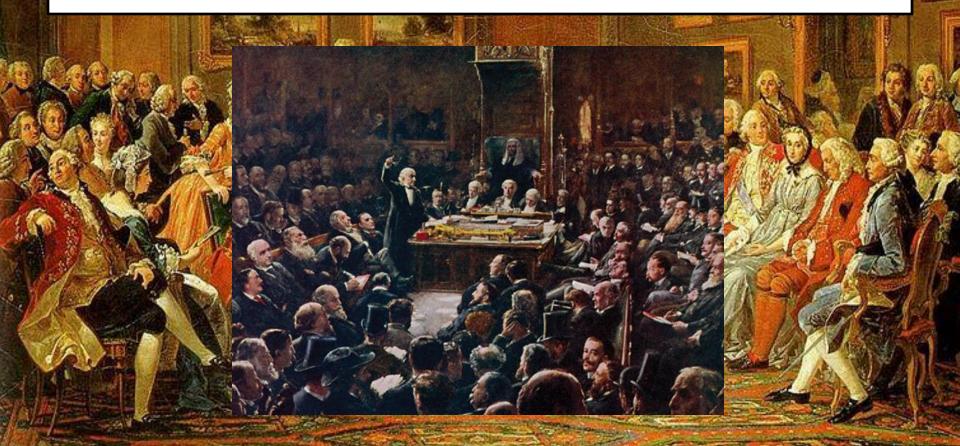
Pre-Class Discussion

 Take a minute and brainstorm the following question:

"If you could design a government however you wanted, how would it be organized and why?"

Problems facing the old empires

Liberalism – Government structure in favor of placing power in the hands of the people



The English Civil War

- Monarchists versus Republicans
 - Republicans upset over absolute rule of King Charles I
- Executed Charles I
 - Established Republic
 - Gave other countries
 the idea



The Glorious Revolution 1688

- James II takes throne
 - Catholic in control of a protestant nation
- Parliament did not like him
 - Offered crown to William and Mary of the Netherlands
 - Parliament becomes supreme power
 - William gives up most power to Parliament



The Enlightenment

- The Enlightenment was a time of new thought regarding society, economics and government in Europe.
 - Centered in France
 - Spread to Americas
 - Eventually all over



Main ideas of the Enlightenment

- Most philosophers protested against Absolutism
 - Censorship
 - Hereditary rule
- Instead they pushed for citizen involvement
 - Limits on Kings
 - Constitutions
 - Ability to vote
 - Personal Rights

Thinkers of the Enlightenment Activity...

Major Revolutions because of Liberalism

- American Revolution 1776
 - United States
 Independence
- French Revolution -1789
 - King Louis XVI executed
- South American Wars of
 Independence Early 1800s
 - Latin American Independence

1820

- Naples, Spain, Portugal,
 Ottomans, Italy, Russia all experience revolutions
- 1830
 - Greek and Belgian
 Independence
- 1848
 - German and Italian
 Nationalism born

The Three Sick Old Men of Europe

The Ottoman, Russians, and Austrians

The Ottoman Empire: Cut Apart while still Alive



The Division of the Ottoman Empire

- Russia wanting North East
- Hapsburgs wanting Northwest
- British and French wanted Middle East and North Africa
- Nationalists all wanting Independence
 - Greeks in 1820s
 - Balkans in early 1900s

The Hapsburg Empire: The Empire That Outlived It's Uses

Problems Facing Hapsburgs

- Outdated
 - Need to Industrialize
 - Primary job was to protect Europe from Ottomans
 - Ottomans not much of a threat by 19th century
- Nationalism
 - Multinational State
 - Empire still ruled by Austrians
 - Less than %25 of population

Reforms of The Hapsburgs

- Francis Joseph
 - Granted a
 Constitution
- Creation of a Dual Monarchy
 - Creation of Austria-Hungary
 - Each had own parliament but same king





Russia: The Crumbling Giant

Major Problems Facing Russia

- Absolute Monarchy
 - Threatened by new ideas of Liberalism and socialism
- Ethnically Diverse
- Mostly Feudal Agrarian Economy
 - Western Europe Industrializing
 - Most of Russia's population are Serfs

Rule of Nicholas II

- Began process of Industrialization
- Humiliating Loss in Russo-Japanese War
- Russian's calls for Liberalism
 - Bloody Sunday Jan 22, 1905
 - Peter Stolypin

