Boston Massacre
“An Exuberant Executioner”—The head of Louis XVI
Storming the Winter Palace
Geocentric model of the solar system
Attack on the Tuileries Palace
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the Station of Independent States, a Vote must be addressed to that Thing.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed.

That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Lenin at Finland Station
Print of Mao rallying oppressed peasants removed due to copyright restrictions.
A Definition of Revolution:

“A revolution is a rapid, fundamental, and violent domestic change in the dominant values and myths of a society, in its political institutions, social structure, leadership and government activity, and policies.”

--Samuel Huntington
Boston Tea Party
Brethren, and Fellow Citizens!

You may depend, that those odious Miscreants and detestable Tools to Ministry and Governor, the Tea Consignees, (those Traitors to their Country, Butchers, who have done, and are doing every Thing to Murder and destroy all that shall stand in the Way of their private Interest,) are determined to come and reside again in the Town of Boston.

I therefore give you this early Notice, that you may hold yourselves in Readiness, on the shortest Notice, to give them such a Reception, as such vile Ingrates deserve.

JOYCE, jun.
(Chairman of the Committee for Tarring and Feathering.

If any Person should be so hardy as to Tear this down, they may expect my severest Resentment.

J. jun.
Mao overlooking Tiananmen Gate.

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Governing Questions:

★ Definitions: What is a Revolution?

★ Process: How to Stage a Revolution?

★ Outcomes: Why do some Revolutions succeed and others fail?