Alexander II Modernizations of Russia IB History I

*To what extent did Alexander II liberate the Russian People?*

**Instructions:** After emancipating the serfs in 1861, Alexander II was hailed as the “Tsar Liberator”. He then attempted to modernize other aspects of Russia to help bring it from a feudal empire to a modern nation. Using the below chart and pgs. 45-68 in Waller to gather evidence to evaluate the question above. Use your notes from last class to complete the first column.

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| Area to Reform | Nature of the Problem | Details of Reform | Evidence of “Liberation”/ Success | Evidence of “Reaction”/ Failure | Overall Judgment |
| Local Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Military |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legal System |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education and Censorship |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic Development |  |  |  |  |  |

**Instructions:** Once you have completed your chart, transfer the information into a divided chart (“T” chart), one column for areas/evidence of success and one for areas/evidence of failure. Which side has more evidence to support it? When you have reached your conclusion, attempt to create a thesis statement that responds to the key question.