

**Information Guide #1**  
**Terrorism: Definitions, Concepts, Types, History**

**A (Very) Few Notable Events:**

- 1605 Gunpowder plot in London (Guy Fawkes) – attempt to blow up House of Lords
- 1793-4 Year II of the French Republic – the Reign of Terror
- 1876 Federation of the Anarchist International promotes “insurrectionary deed”
- 1881 Assassination of Emperor Alexander II by People’s Will (Russia)
- 1914 Assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- 1946 Bombing of King David Hotel in Jerusalem by Irgun (Jewish militants)
- 1977 RAF captures and later executes Hanns-Martin Schleyer in West Germany
- 1978 Red Brigades capture and execute former prime minister Aldo Moro in Italy
- 1995 Bombing of Federal Building in Oklahoma City by Timothy McVeigh
- 2001 Bombing of World Trade Center & Pentagon by Al Qaeda
- 2011 Bombing of Domodedovo airport in Moscow by.... ?

**Prominent Terrorist Organizations [no particular order]:**

- People’s Will (*Narodnaia Volia*), Russia, 1879-1880s
- Combat Organization of the Party of Socialist Revolutionaries (SRs), Russia, early 20<sup>th</sup> cent.
- Irish Republican Army (IRA), 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Front de Libération Nationale* (FLN), in French Algeria, 1956-62
- Movement for National Liberation (Tupamaros), Uruguay, 1960s-70s
- Brigate Rosse* (Red Brigades), Italy, 1970s
- Rote Armee Fraktion* (Red Army Fraktion, Baader-Meinhof Gang, RAF), West Germany, 1970s
- Euzkadi to Askatasuna* (ETA, Basque Land and Freedom), Spain, 1959-present
- Irgun Zvai Leumi* (IZL), Jewish terrorists/militants in Palestine, 1930s-40s
- Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Arab nationalism against Israeli occupation
- Hezbollah (Party of God), Lebanon, since early 1980s
- Ku Klux Klan, USA, post-Civil War

**Ideas, People, Concepts & Other Stuff:**

State terror	“ordinary terror” (Miller)	Peter Kropotkin
Carlos Marighela	Zionism	Carbonari

**Relationships to Ponder:**

Terrorism & war	State terror & revolutionary terrorism
Assassination & terrorism	Terrorism & guerillas
Terrorism & propaganda	Peanut butter & jelly