Topic for first Paper

Topic. To what extent can the experience of the early Soviet union, say between the beginning of the Russian Revolution of 1917 until the mid-1920, be seen as an expression of popular hopes, desires, and dreams?

In writing your essay, you should use reading and lecture material. In particular, though, you must use material drawn from Richard Stites’s *Revolutionary Dreams*. Your essay should present a coherent and well-organized argument.

Rough Draft. I want to see a rough draft of your paper sometime between 10/10 and 10/13 (if not before). I have set up some office hour times. You should have at the very least an introduction and a thesis, with hopefully some ideas about where you are going. I will look over an entire rough draft, too, if you have one completed by then. The more you have finished, the more helpful I can be. I will give you a small grade (1-10 points) on how satisfied I am with your rough draft which will be incorporated into your final grade.

Final Version. Your essay should be 5-6 pages long (typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.) It is due at the beginning of class on Friday, October 14, 2005. You should email it to me *before* class that day.