Comparison of Russian Revolution and Animal Farm

1859  Marx and Engels publish The Communist Manifesto.  
Animal Farm: Old Major lists the tenets of Animalism

1917  March  Czar Nicholas II abdicates.  A provisional republic is established.  
November  Bolsheviks seize power.  
Animal Farm: Animals drive out Jones.

1918  The Communist Party is established.  
Animal Farm: Pigs take control of the farm.

1918-1920  Red Army, led by Trotsky, defeats Whites in the Civil War.  
Animal Farm: Animals, led by Snowball, defeat Jones at the Battle of the Cowshed.

1924  Lenin grows ill; Stalin and Trotsky compete for power.  
Animal Farm: Napoleon and Snowball compete for power.

1925  Trotsky is ousted and goes into exile.  
Animal Farm: Snowball is driven off the farm.

1928  Stalin crushes revolt by farmers who refuse to surrender their harvests.  
Animal Farm: Napoleon crushes revolt by hens who refuse to surrender their eggs.

1932  Massive famine in Soviet Union after farm production drops.  
Animal Farm: Animals suffer from hunger after farm harvest declines.

1933  Soviets begin limited trading with the West.  
Animal Farm: Napoleon begins limited trading with humans.

1934-38  Great Purge: Stalin uses secret police to eliminate opposition.  
Animal Farm: Napoleon uses dogs to eliminate opposition.

1939  Stalin signs Non-Aggression Pact with Hitler.  
Animal Farm: Napoleon makes timber deal with Frederick.

1940  Germans invade Soviet Union.  Russians stop the invasion but suffer heavy losses.  
Animal Farm: Men, led by Frederick, invade the farm and destroy the windmill.  The animals drive them off but suffer heavy losses.

1943  Western leaders, led by Roosevelt and Churchill, meet with Stalin.  
Animal Farm: Pilkington and other humans have dinner with Napoleon.