Structure
The course covers the history of Russia since 1917, but its format is different than other courses. It is a ten-week, intensive course and requires attendance for lectures on Mondays and Wednesdays and Internet activity on TRACS during the week at times of the student’s choosing but before 5:00 PM on Fridays for some work (submission of a brief (2 pp.) report every week, two reports on a watched video documentary, and three exams, including the final) and before midnight on Sundays for other work (answers to questions on the reports). The course is based on lectures, reading of text, and primary sources located at http://sbtest.h-net.org/home, the Wilson Center Digital Archive’s international history collection at http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/, and various other primary sources that are available online or in libraries. Behind Closed Doors documentary is broken down into a 6 part series through the Daily Motion: http://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x30pwy_NECorner32_world-war-ii-behind-closed-doors/1#video=xthf1m. Class meetings will end on March 30 and students will have the rest of the term to complete a research paper of 20 pages or longer (typed, double-spaced, plus endnotes and bibliography) based upon primary sources. The textbook for this course is Robert Service, A History of Twenty-Century Russia (Penguin or Harvard paperback).