

Simplified Study Packet Version

Russian Revolution

471. Give a brief description of Russia just before and during World War I?

Nicholas II was a kind ruler. Perhaps, too kind to rule a nation struggling through a war. His wife, who was more commanding, seems to have controlled him at times. Unfortunately, she was unpopular, particularly after she started to allow Rasputin to come into the court circles.

472. Who initially led the government of Russia after the fall of the Czar?

Alexander Kerensky

473. What was probably one of the main reasons Kerensky fell from power?

He sought to keep Russia in the war, whereas most Russians were suffering and wanted to end the war.

474. What Communist slogan appealed to the masses?

Bread, Land, Peace

475. What Treaty between the Bolsheviks and the Germans pulled Russia out of the war?

The Treaty of Brest Litovsk

476. How did the Bolsheviks unwittingly help to defeat the Germans?

The Bolsheviks who now ruled Russia, delayed signing a peace treaty with Germany, forcing the Germans to keep troops in Russia for too long. By the time the Germans transferred their troops to the West, it was too late.

477. Give a brief description of the German government's dealings with Lenin?

They sent him back to Russia in a sealed train and gave him money in the hopes that his Bolshevik party, which opposed the war, would help to take Russia out of the war.

478. In what month did the October Revolution occur?

November, It was October by the Russian calendar.

479. Give a brief description of the Bolsheviks takeover of power in Russia.

Despite not having many followers, the Bolsheviks has strong support in the cities. They took over the government by force.

480. During the Russian Civil War, what were the names of the two opposing sides?

The Whites- Pro-monarchists The Reds- The Communists

481. What was one of the main causes of the defeat of the whites?

There was no unity of command among their forces.

482. What happened to the Czar and his family?

On July 17, 1918, they were killed by a group of Communists after suffering imprisonment for several months.

483. Who became the leader of Russia after the death of the Czar?

Vladimir Lenin

484. Who was his trusted assistant?

Leon Trotsky

485. Who eventually came to power in 1924 after the death of Lenin?

Joseph Stalin

486. Give a brief description of Stalin's rule in Russia which would last until 1953.

Joseph Stalin was a stern ruler who caused the death of millions of Russians. He sent many Russians to prison camps. He tried to build many factories to modernize Russia. After his death, even the Communist government of Russia seemed to admit that he was not a good ruler.

487. What was the Great Purge?

The Great Purge or the Great Terror was a campaign to imprison or condemn anyone suspected of working against the Communists. Most historians agree that many innocent men were killed during this period.

488. What were the Five Year Plans?

Communist plans, which were supposed to be updated every five years, to modernize Russia (build more factories, more cars, etc.).

489. Give a brief summary of religious persecution in the Soviet Union.

Religious leaders were oppressed. Churches were often closed.

Aftermath of World War I and Roaring Twenties

490. What was the Lost Generation?

The term "Lost Generation" refers to a generation of young people after World War I who sometimes rejected the moral codes of the older generations.

491. What might have caused the "Lost Generation" sling shot effect?

The world leaders promised that World War I was the war to end all wars. After the war, many young people felt that they had been deceived.

492. Give a summary of the Roaring Twenties?

Many Americans no longer wanted to get involved in Europe's problems. They wanted to get rich and have fun. Some Americans turned away from religion. They started dressing immodestly and went to impure entertainment.

493. What snapped America back to its senses?

The Great Depression. Material hardship caused a sling shot effect. Imagine that! That has never worked before! Man always turns to God in times of want. Unfortunately, he often forgets about Him once God has alleviated the suffering.