

Chapter 28

Section 1

Guided Reading Questions

1. What factors caused Russia to fall behind much of Europe economically and socially in the 18th and 19th centuries?
2. How did Nicholas I's political beliefs differ from Catherine the Great and Alexander I's?
3. What prompted Alexander II to make reforms?
4. What legally ended in Russia in 1861? Did it make much difference?
5. Why was Alexander II assassinated?
6. Why do you suppose Alexander III attempted to undo many of Alexander II's reforms?
7. "Orthodoxy, autocracy, and nationalism" was often the slogan of czars like Alexander III. With that in mind, why does his policy of allowing religious persecution and forcing the use of the Russian language make sense.
8. What impact did the Russo-Japanese War have on Russia?
9. What were the results of Bloody Sunday?
10. What changes were to be created with the constitution of October 1905?
11. What problems were not addressed by the constitution?

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serfs	Alexander II	Russo-Japanese War
Nicholas I	Alexander III	Bloody Sunday
autocracy	* Russification	soviets
Siberia	pogroms	Duma
kulaks	Nicholas II	

Section 2

Guided Reading Questions

1. How did WWI affect life in Russia?
2. What led to the Czar's abdication in March 1917?
3. What decision by the provisional government ultimately led to its downfall?
4. What did the Bolsheviks promise with their slogan?
5. Why were free parliamentary elections ended after the Bolsheviks' revolution?
6. Who were the Reds and the Whites in the civil war?
7. What effect do you suppose western involvement in the civil war had on the relationship between the Communist government and the west?
8. In what sense was the NEP a blend of communism and capitalism?
9. Why was the NEP instituted?
10. What did Marx predict would happen to the state government, and did it come true in Russia?
11. Who were the chief rivals for control of the Communist Party following Lenin's death?
12. Who won?

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provisional government

Bolsheviks

Lenin

"Peace, Land, and Bread"

party dictatorship

Communists

Reds

Whites

NEP

USSR

Trotsky

Stalin

Section 3**Guided Reading Questions**

1. Why did Stalin move to end the NEP?
2. What two methods did Stalin see as essential to catching up to the advanced countries?
3. What were the goals of the Five Year Plans?
4. What effects did they have on the lives of the majority of Russians?
5. How was collectivization supposed to work?
6. What reactions did collectivization provoke?
7. What social gains were made under Communist rule?
8. How did Marxist theory change under Stalin?
9. Why do you suppose the Communist Party supported atheism?
10. Who were the victims of the Great Purge from 1936 to 1938?

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Five Year Plans

collectivization