

MARXISM, LENINISM, AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Define:

proletariat –

bourgeoisie –

kulak –

soviet –

The ideas proposed by Frederick Marx inspired many socialist revolutions in the 20th Century. Though these revolutions enacted many of Marx's ideas, more often than not, they failed to create the utopia Marx had envisioned.

Using the information provided to you by the teacher, try your best to determine which of the ideas presented are Marxist ideas, and which are Leninist ideas.

Marxism	Leninism

REVISITING THE REVOLUTION

1. What role did the First World War play in the Russian Revolution?
2. If you were to lay blame for the Russian Revolution, who do you believe deserves the most amount of blame? Why?
3. Lenin instituted **war communism** to consolidate power. Do you believe this type of action by a government can ever be justified? Explain.

*war communism – an attempt to mobilize all resources: banks were nationalized, grain was seized from the people, and rationing was instituted.