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QUESTION 1: HOW LENIN APPLIED MARXISM IN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (USSR), FROM 1918 TO 1924?**SOURCE 1A**

This extract focuses on the reforms introduced by Lenin and the Communist Party government after the Bolshevik revolution.

Following the Bolshevik revolution, Lenin and his communist government initiated many reforms. They took land from the Tsar, the church, nobles and other landowners and redistributed it among the peasants, in order to reform the agricultural sector and reward peasants for their loyalty, during the revolution.

Labour conditions were improved with the working hours limited to a maximum of 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week.... The capitalists who had always owned the factories and farms had been profit driven, neglecting basic human rights of workers.... Under the new rule factories were placed under the control of elected committees of workers

During the reform period, the Bolshevik Party changed its name to the Communist Party and...A commission to fight counterrevolution and espionage, called CHEKA was established. CHEKA was a secret police force that reported to Lenin on illegal activities against communism

[From <http://www.sahistory.org.za> Accessed on 4 May 2017]

SOURCE 1B

This is an extract from an article by the historian Paul Flowers, *War Communism in Retrospect*. It looks at the different reasons suggested by historians of why the Bolsheviks introduced War Communism

Historians differ as to the rationale behind War Communism. Some view it as the result of the Bolsheviks' preconceived desire to drive immediately forward to the suppression of capitalism. Robert Conquest considers that War Communism was entirely in line with Bolshevik precepts and that "far from being a 'war' measure."

Others view War Communism as originating in a series of emergency measures introduced to deal with the increasingly difficult economic and military situation, but which was then justified in ideological terms. Isaac Deutscher says that the "desperate shifts and expedients" of food requisitioning, nationalisation and trade restrictions "looked to the [Communist] party like an unexpectedly rapid realisation of its own programme":

Lenin veered between the ideological and pragmatic explanations. Looking back in October 1921, he said that by the previous spring "it became evident that we had suffered defeat in our attempt to introduce the socialist principles of production and distribution by 'direct assault', that is, in the shortest, quickest and most direct way".⁷ Only a few months previously he said that the Bolsheviks had been living "in the conditions of a savage war that imposed an unprecedented burden on us and left us no choice but to take wartime measures in the economic sphere as well".⁸

[From: www.johndclare.net/Russo6_warcommunism.htm. Accessed on 3 May 2017]

SOURCE 1C

This extract highlights the Soviet people and their government reacted to War Communism.

As the civil war wound down in late 1920 and famine caused millions of deaths, peasant rebellions broke out against the compulsory grain procurements (*prodrazverstka*), which had been extracted by force and had led to reduced plantings. Strikes occurred in Petrograd and elsewhere. Late that winter an uprising occurred at Kronstadt, the naval base near the northern capital. Fearing counterrevolution from within, Vladimir Ilich Lenin accepted a "retreat" at the Tenth Party Congress in March 1921. Under the New Economic Policy (NEP), [Russia](#) would have a mixed economy "seriously and for a long time," as Lenin said. It would be based on an alliance (*smychka*) between the workers and the peasants.

[From: www.encyclopedia.com. Accessed on 7 May 2017]

SOURCE 1 D

Below is a photo showing a Russian peasant family during the 1921 famine



SOURCE 1E

This extract describes why Lenin replace War Communism with the New Economic Policy

In the face of discontent from the masses, Lenin abandoned War Communism in March 1921 and replaced it with the New Economic Policy (NEP). Through the NEP Lenin relaxed strict Marxist ideology and introduced elements of capitalism in the economy. In doing so, he had to endure vigorous opposition from radicals within the Communist Party. ... But [Lenin] was realistic enough to recognise the need for concession (special consideration) and compromise. The NEP, in his own words, meant “one step backwards in order to make two (steps) forwards”... The NEP replaced grain requisition with a grain tax. Once he paid this tax, the peasant could sell his surplus grain on the open market. The profits were his to keep. The poor peasants were exempted from taxation, and the confiscation of livestock as a penalty for non-payment of taxes was prohibited. The NEP restored land tenure and peasants were free to lease their land, extend it or use hired labour to cultivate it. ...As it turned, these measures contributed to an astonishing agricultural recovery...By then, too, a new class of wealthy peasants called kulaks had emerged busy enlarging their farms and hiring poorer peasants to work for them.

In industry, enterprises employing anything from 10 to 20 workers were returned to private ownership. Private trade became legal again, and money was restored as the medium of exchange. Forced labour was abolished and Russia returned to a free labour market with a wage economy. Trade between town and country was re-established, but virtually all this trade was conducted through brokers known as Nepmen.... The changes that Lenin brought about created the necessary confidence in workers, and stimulated industrial production which in 1925-26 reached the pre-war level

[From: *Looking into the Past*. by Y. Seleti et al]

QUESTION 2: HOW THE GREAT DEPRESSION EXPOSED THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FROM 1928 TO 1933?**SOURCE 2A**

This extract describes the "Roaring 1920s" and the collapse of the USA Stock Exchange

During the 1920s, often called the "Roaring Twenties", the U.S. economy had an unprecedented economic boom. Things such as electricity, radio, telephone and cars were being produced for the masses. There was mass production in the manufacturing, telecommunications, movie and chemical sectors. Infrastructure was being built to support all of these new technologies. Much of the population moved into the cities to acquire jobs in these industries. Americans found themselves with ever-increasing amounts of dollars to spend which was then invested in the stock market and deposited in to banks. With the supply of money growing rapidly, banks were opening up at the rate of 4 – 5 per day

At that time, banks lent money to investors to buy stock. Nearly \$4.00 out of every \$10.00 that was borrowed from the banks was used to buy stock (shares). Margin requirements were as low as 10% during the 1920's. Banks were allowed to speculate and buy stocks for themselves. Because the capital requirements to start new banks were low, many banks were created during that time. Once the selling began, more selling was needed to satisfy margin calls and liquidity requirements for banks. People feared that their bank would collapse since, at that time, there were no guarantees on cash at the bank. That started a massive run on the banks to pull money out. Some banks were not able to fulfil the requests for withdrawal and closed their doors to people. Lending for business and consumers was ground to a halt. More panic followed as people lost their money and banks collapsed. People then rushed to withdraw their money and this created a domino effect. At that time, paper money was backed by gold. People started putting money under their mattresses instead of risking putting it in the banks.

Bad monetary policy can turn a recession in to a major depression. The government began to increase interest rates, in 1929, from 3.5% to 5%. Some believe this is what caused the recession to come about in August of 1929. The government failed to act to stabilize or increase the money supply during the Great Depression. In fact, the supply of money fell by 30% between 1929 and 1933. Prices for goods were allowed to drop and banks were permitted to fail. This led to deflation. The government failed to restore confidence in the banking system

[From: <http://www.wikipedia.com> Accessed on 7 May]

SOURCE 2B

This photo, shows African Americans queuing for relief during the Great Depression, in front of a billboard (advertisement) promoting the capitalist views of the American government during the 1920s.

**SOURCE 2C**

The extract below is a critique of capitalism as the origin of the Great Depression

The Stock Market Crash of 1929, which marked the beginning of the Great Depression of the USA, came directly from wild speculation, which collapsed and brought the whole economy down with it. But as John Galbraith says in his study of that event, behind that speculation was the fact that “the economy was fundamentally unsound (unstable)”. He points to the very unhealthy corporate (business) and banking structures, an unsound foreign trade, economic misinformation and the “bad distribution of income”, (the highest 5% of the population, received one third of all personal income)

A socialist critic would go further and say that the capitalist system was by its nature unsound: a system driven by one motive of corporate profit and therefore unstable, unpredictable and blind to human needs...After the crash, the economy was stunned (shocked), barely moving. Over 5000 banks closed and huge numbers of businesses, unable to get money closed too. Those that continued laid off (retrenched) employees and cut the wages of the who remained, again and again. Industrial production fell by 50 percent and by 1933 perhaps 15 million (no one knew exactly) –quarter of the labour force were out of work. The Ford Company, which in the spring of 1929 had employed 128000 workers, was down to 37000 by August of 1931. By the end of 1930, almost half of the textile mill workers in New England were out of work.

[From: *A People's History of the United States*. By H Zinn]

SOURCE 2 D

This extract highlights the reaction of the American government to the Great Depression

Despite assurances from President Herbert Hoover and other leaders that the crisis would run its course, matters continued to get worse over the next three years. By 1930, 4 million Americans looking for work could not find it; that number had risen to 6 million in 1931

In the face of this dire situation, Hoover's administration tried supporting failing banks and other institutions with government loans; the idea was that the banks in turn would loan to businesses, which would be able to hire back their employees. Hoover, a Republican who had formerly served as U.S. secretary of commerce, believed that government should not directly intervene in the economy, and that it did not have the responsibility to create jobs or provide economic relief for its citizens. In 1932, however, with the country mired in the depths of the Great Depression and some 15 million people (more than 20 percent of the U.S. population at the time) unemployed, Franklin D Roosevelt won an overwhelming victory in the presidential election.

[From: [http// www.stockpickssystem.com](http://www.stockpickssystem.com) Accessed on * May 2017]

QUESTION 3: HOW THE IDEAS OF RACE AND EUGENICS IN AUSTRALIA INFLUENCED THE CREATION OF THE “STOLEN GENERATION”?**SOURCE 3A**

This extract highlights the origins of the racial ideas and racial discrimination in Australia

The British began their colonisation of Australia in 1788. Massacres accompanied the expansion of their colony...Between 1788 and 1900 the indigenous population of Australia had been reduced by 90%. The disappearance of the Aboriginal Australians in southern Australia was so rapid that it was believed, they would die out.

Apart from loss of access to land and death by violent force of arms, infectious diseases like chickenpox, smallpox, influenza and measles killed many. Indigenous Australians had a deep spiritual and cultural connection to the land, so being forced off the land cause disintegration of social cohesion.

In the first part of the 20th century, the racial theories of Social Darwinism were popular in Australia and were used to justify European settlers' treatment of the indigenous Australians as “subhuman”, “primitive” and inferior race. The Aborigines Protection Act of 1909 established camps to provide a place for “the doomed race to die off” as the Aborigines would “inevitably become extinct”

Settler policy allowed many Aborigines to be treated like experimental animals. In the 1920 and 1930's thousands of indigenous people in communities all over Australia were subjected to “scientific investigation into brain capacity and cranium size

[From <http://encyclopediaofarkansas.net.com>. Accessed on 15 April 2016]

SOURCE 3B

This extract describes the forcibly removal of “half caste” Aboriginal Australian children from their families, who became known as the “Stolen Generation”

From the beginning of the 20th century until the 1970s, police and welfare agencies raided Indigenous communities throughout the country, on instructions from government-appointed Chief Protectors to take away “half” and “quarter caste” children. Assimilation was the official policy by which the Australian State intended to destroy all trace of the continent’s first nations. Between 1910 and 1970, about 100,000 Indigenous children were removed to missions, orphanages and children’s homes. Most were under five years old.

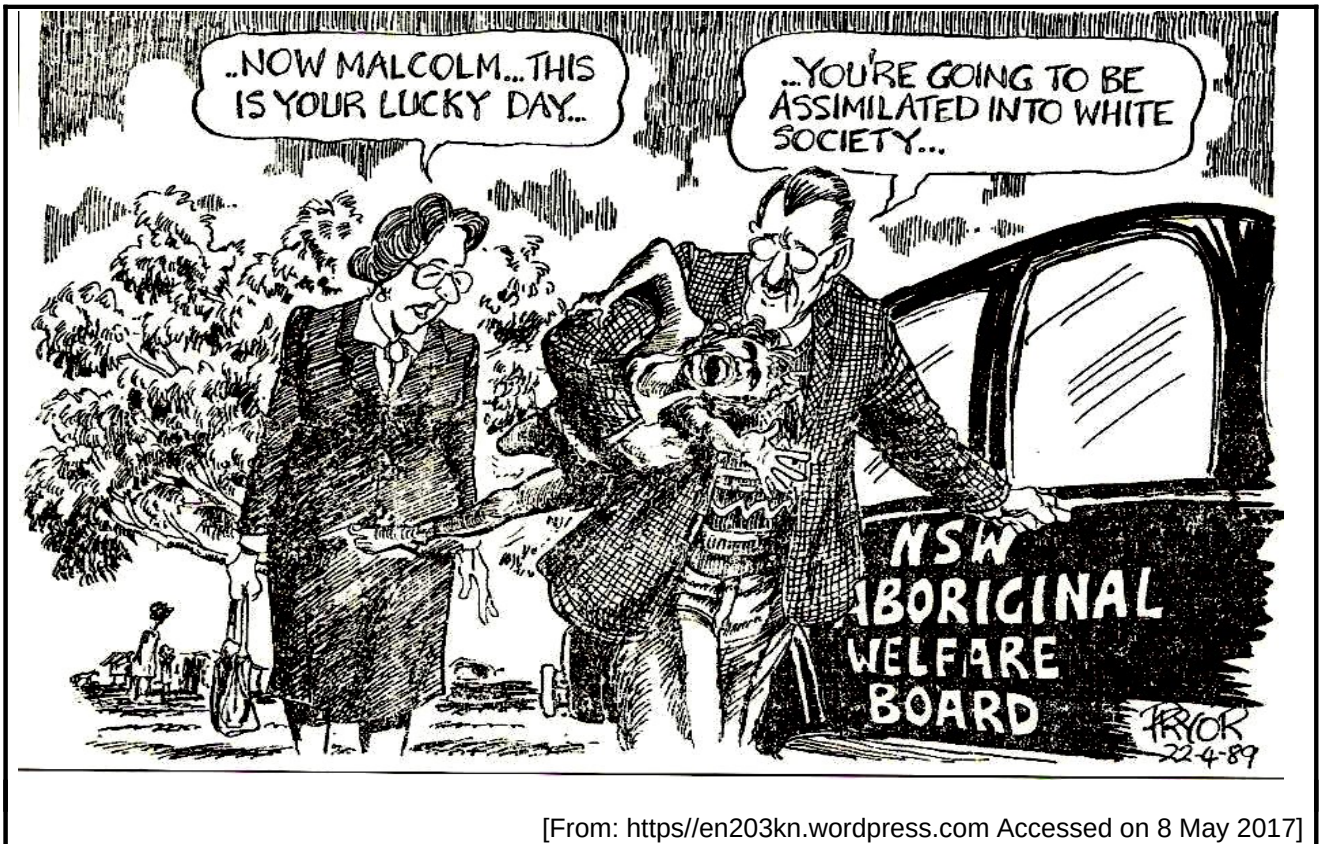
Between ten and thirty percent of all Indigenous children were removed. They were forbidden to speak their languages or practice their ceremonies. Told that they were orphans and their families unable to trace them, they became separated from their people and cultures forever. Michael Anderson, whose grandmother was taken away in 1914, explains: “In 1937, state and federal governments convened a conference in Canberra to decide on a policy of what to do with ‘the Aborigines’ — the resulting policy objective was for the complete annihilation (total destruction) of a race of peoples. The principal method to achieve this was to remove Indigenous children from their parents and from the influence of customs, traditions and the Law/Lore. The primary objectives were to de-Indigenise these children and to expunge (erase/wipe out) their colour, because Australia was working towards an Aryan (‘pure white’) race.

Most of the children grew up in church or state institutions, many physically and sexually abused. With little or no education, they were trained for their role as unpaid or underpaid labour, mainly for pastoralist and mining companies. The Stolen Generations are lasting evidence of attempted wholesale genocide at the hands of the Settler State, whose origins go back to 1788

From: <https://www.socialism.com> Accessed on 10 May 2017

Source 3C

The cartoon below depicts how the Aboriginal Australian children were abducted from their homes.



Source 3D

The photo below depicts the leader of Australian government, Governor Sir Charles and the church leader, Abbot Gomez, inspecting the children of the St Joseph's orphanage



Courtesy Batlye Library 74244P

The Governor Sir Charles and Lady Gairdner with Abbot Gomez inspecting the children of St. Joseph's Orphanage, New Norcia, WA

[From: <https://www.buzzfeed.com> accessed on 8 May 2017]

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