




Russia and Central Asian Politics
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Early Soviet poster exhorting people to educate children to build communism.

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For new students today...

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- See Quynh or me during office hours:
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Take a few minutes and introduce yourselves at your tables.

Name, major, year, where from... favorite food? movie? pastime?

Terms, People, IDs*



- Karl Marx, 1818-1883
- Vladimir Lenin, 1870-1924
- Alienation
- Exploitation
- Social dislocation, anomie
- Means of production
- Class consciousness
- Dictatorship of the proletariat
- Intensification of competition
- Concentration of wealth
- Bourgeoisie (capitalist class)
- Immiseration of the proletariat (working class)
- Lenin, *What is to be Done?* (1902)
- Lenin, *State and Revolution* (1917)

*Any or all may be on the exam.

Lenin's theory of revolution comes predominately from two texts:


What is to be Done? (1902)


State and Revolution (1917)





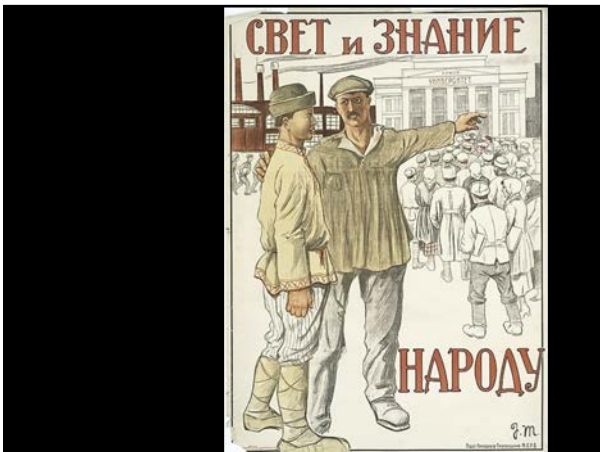
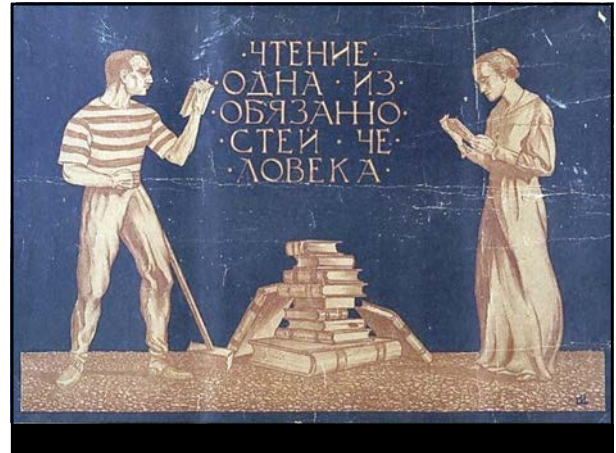
Marx, Lenin and Stalin

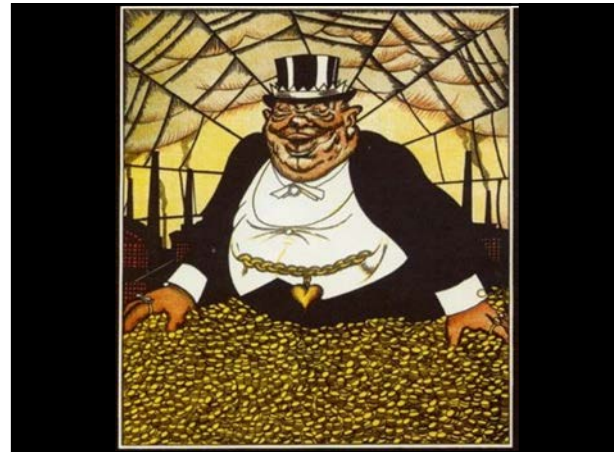
- Marx: the critique of capitalism and the idea of communism.
- Lenin: the revolutionary.
- Stalin: the builder.

d. 1883 

d. 1924 

d. 1953 





Periodization of Russian/Soviet History

- Tsarist period: to 1917
- The Revolutions: 1917
 - February: overthrow of the tsar
 - October: communist revolution
- Civil War: 1917-1920
- Stabilization and power struggle: 1921-1927
 - Lenin's stroke: 1922
 - Lenin's death: 1924
- Building of communism: 1928-1941