**Lenin Notes**

-What was it? Why did Lenin apply it? Successful? Did Lenin want to use it or was he forced?

1. War Communism

  -War communism was the economic and political system that existed in Soviet Russia during       the Russian Civil War, from 1918 to 1921.

  -Russia was in a very poor state due to the First World War people’s lives were bad and weren’t improving by the Bloshevik’s. The “shortcut” to fix all problems seemed to be communism, although many did not support communism Russia had little industry and a small working class, therefore, the Russians had little choice but embrace War Communism

* People of Russia are supporting Lenin
* Trotsky says : stay in War and industrialize before the revolution happens
* All Soviet Congress: Council of workers (leader Lenin)
* Trotsky joins lenin to be leader of Bolsheviks → communist country
* Tries to get out of war a quick as possible
  + December 1917 Trotsky meets Germans to make peace with them
  + Germans are well off in war against Russia
  + Germany is willing to have peace if russia give Germany lots of land
  + Lenin wants peace no matter under what condition
  + March 1918: Peace with German; give germany much land
  + Russia is out of the War
* USA; France; UK hate Russia (backstabbing) and therefore all communists
* The Problem is not Russia, the Problems is Communism → If we can get Communism out of Russia, Russia wil- join war again
  + Sending troops to Russia for civil War to fight Lenin in order to get rid of communism
  + Civil War (1918-1921)r: Whites (anti communists) vs. Reds (Communists)
    - The people of Russia wanted communism to stay
    - Whites consists of 5 groups → very disorganized
    - Reds win Civil War
    - Lenin's War communism in place: state ownership of everything → not much freedom, very effective (the whole state works together)
  + Result: Communists hates West → start of cold War
  + Russia is not invited to Treaty of Versailles
  + 1921:
    - deflation of ⅕ since 1913 for economy
    - drought
    - unhappy society
    - on edge of another revolution
  + New economic policy
    - Lenin bring back to russia
    - things get better
  + 1924: Lenin dies → who is succeding him?
  + Debate: 3 people
    - Trotsky
    - Zinoviev
    - Kamenev
    - → moving back to the revolutionary days
    - another runner: Bukharin (supported by Stalin)