

Worksheet: Civil War and the Birth of the USSR

Consolidation and analysis

Holding power meant winning a brutal war — and the methods used to win it shaped the Soviet state for decades.

Q1. Define War Communism and the Red Terror in one sentence each.

Q2. Complete the table comparing the Reds and the Whites.

Factor	Reds	Whites
Leadership		
Geography		
Aims		

Q3. Explain why the Bolsheviks introduced the New Economic Policy in 1921.

Q4. Analyse the most important reason for the Bolshevik victory in the Civil War, justifying your choice against at least one alternative factor.