POST-REVOLUTION
State Building Under Lenin
Treaty of Brest-Litovsk

- Accepted German terms of surrender
- Lost Finland, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine
- Treaty of Versailles canceled this later
Enemies must be eliminated

- COLORS
  - Bolsheviks = Communists = RED
  - Opponents = WHITES
  - Ukrainian peasants = GREENS
Terror tactics

- “Dictatorship of the Proletariat”
- Executed tens of thousands of people
- Including the whole Romanov family
Economic Policies

- Nationalized industries, banks, trade
- Men under 50 drafted for army, labor
- Strikes forbidden
- Soldiers seized food from peasants
Economic Policies

- Effects - production declined, trade stopped
- Thousands of people died from hunger, cold, disease
- NEP - New Economic Policy introduced
NEP

- Some small businesses, factories, and farms returned to private ownership
- Capital moved to Kremlin in Moscow
- Run by Communist Party’s Politburo
Politburo

- 500,000 members (less than 1%)
- Ran all organizations nationwide
- Hierarchy but all were Party members (p. 652)
Soviet Union

- 15 separate republics
- Some had small amt. of self-rule
- USSR
Religion

- Russian Orthodox Church & all others BANNED
- Seize Church land & property
- GOD DOES NOT EXIST
- “Religion is the opiate of the masses” – Karl Marx
Propaganda

- Cut off from rest of world
- Promote this ideology
- Have faith in us!
- Evils of capitalism
- MARXISM-LENINISM
A Call for Revolt

- Parties sprang up around the world
- 1919 Lenin formed an organization to gather worldwide support
- Communist Third International (COMINTERN)