

Comprehension Questions: World War I | The Red Scare

1. Why were Americans afraid of “Hyphens” during the First World War?
 - a. Hyphens were responsible for the Russian Tsar stepping down from power.
 - b. Hyphens donated money to the Red Cross.
 - c. Hyphens might be disloyal to the United States.
 - d. Americans did know how to use correct punctuation.
2. What event led to the Bolshevik takeover in Russia?
 - a. The February Revolution.
 - b. The October Revolution.
 - c. The Revolution of 1905.
 - d. The Red Scare.
3. The workers of this city went on a general strike in 1919.
 - a. Boston.
 - b. New York.
 - c. Washington D.C.
 - d. Seattle.
4. Which of the following incidents helped convince Department of Justice officials that a radical revolution in the U.S. was an immediate threat?
 - a. A bomb going off in Haymarket Square.
 - b. The assassination of President William McKinley.
 - c. Anarchists sending bombs through the mail.
 - d. None of the above.
5. Who was the Attorney General responsible for the government’s plan to deport alien radicals?
 - a. J. Edgar Hoover.
 - b. A. Mitchell Palmer.
 - c. Big Bill Haywood.
 - d. Ole Hanson.
6. Why did many Americans think that Bolshevism was dangerous?
 - a. It may lead to a revolution in the United States
 - b. Its ideas posed a threat to religion.
 - c. Its ideas posed a threat to the family.
 - d. All of the above.
7. How did Emma Goldman feel about her deportation?
 - a. She did not want to be deported, because she never wanted to return to homeland.
 - b. She wanted to be deported, because it was a free trip home.
 - c. She did not want to be deported, because she believed that she was an American citizen and the government was violating her rights.
 - d. She wanted to be deported to avoid the draft.

8. Which of the following organizations did the government not raid?
- The Union of Russian Workers
 - The Communist Party.
 - The Communist Labor Party.
 - The American Federation of Labor.
9. Which government official prevented the deportation of many of the immigrants arrested during the raids?
- Alexander Berkman.
 - Louis Freeland Post.
 - J. Edgar Hoover.
 - Woodrow Wilson.
10. Why did lawyers like Felix Frankfurter criticize the Department of Justice?
- The Department of Justice had violated the basic rights of people arrested during the Red Scare.
 - The Department of Justice did not do enough to stop the spread of Bolshevism.
 - Frankfurter was a member of the Communist Party.
 - They felt they did not get enough credit for helping to deport the radicals.