

Multiple-Choice, Choose Multiple Answer

Read the text and answer the question by selecting all the correct responses. More than one response is correct.

In his book from 1917, *The State and Revolution*, Vladimir Lenin explained how he visualized the coming “dictatorship of the proletariat”, and how he expected subsequent “withering away of the state” to occur. Although he had never held any public office, he took up the duties of chief of government with vigor. He directed the organization of a secret police (the Cheka) under Feliks Edmundovich Dzerzhinski, and a Red Army under Trotsky as war commissar. The immediate task of these organizations was to deal with the resistance to Bolshevik rule, resistance which grew rapidly in 1918, seizing control of the Ukraine, southern Russia, and Siberia. The White forces were supplied and supported by the allies in the hope of getting Russia back into the war, from which Lenin had withdrawn by the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk on March 3, 1918. During the Civil War, Lenin did not put aside his long-declared purposes.

Which of the following are true statements about Vladimir Lenin?

- (A) Vladimir Lenin asked Trotsky to help him keep an eye on the secret police (the Cheka).
- (B) Despite Vladimir Lenin’s expectations concerning the secret police and the Red Army, the opposition took control of some important regions.
- (C) The specific details of how the secret police should be organized were explained in Lenin’s book *The State and Revolution*.
- (D) Despite the difficulties he was facing, Lenin believed in Bolshevik rule.