



**ESSAY QUESTION**

Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. “The Big Red Scare was an event that made sense at the time, seems outrageous to us now, and can instruct us for the future.” Support this statement by explaining what triggered the Red Scare, describing the extreme reactions within it, and applying the lessons this teaches us about temptations to fear in modern American culture.
2. “In the 1920’s, Americans took a sharp turn away from traditional and biblical values.” Discuss the changes in morals and manners, especially among youths and women, during the early 1920’s, then summarize the apparent reasons why many Americans took this sudden, sharp turn.

**SHORT ANSWER**

Take 10 minutes to answer these questions.

1. Name one reason why Harding was a desirable choice for the Republican nomination.
2. Name one reason why he was a *poor* choice.
3. Name Harding's main mistake during his time in office.
- 4-5. Name and describe one of the scandals that blighted Harding's administration (2 points for naming, 6 points for describing).
6. After he won the Russian civil war, what was Lenin's next priority, and why?
7. What was Lenin's (and Stalin's) strategy towards Germany during the period after World War I?
8. Which bureaucratic role did Stalin use to cement his power in preparation for Lenin's death?
9. Briefly describe the final events surrounding Lenin's death which led to Stalin's ascendancy.
10. True/False: Lenin cut down the bloated Russian tsarist bureaucracy into a leaner government ruled by a small corps of loyal Communists—Stalin, Trotsky, and other members of his inner circle.

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Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. "What he promised was normalcy; what he delivered was sub-par." Assess this statement with regard to the election, administration, and scandals of the Harding presidency.
2. "Stalin's rise to power was inevitable, especially given Stalin's energetic pursuit of power." Support this statement from your readings this week. Note Lenin's mistakes, Stalin's maneuvers behind the scenes, and the events of his actual take-over of the Communist Party.