

The Russian Revolution and World War I: Analyzing a Political Cartoon

This political cartoon was published in a London newspaper following the Russo-German Armistice of December 16, 1917. With this armistice, Russia, under the leadership of Vladimir Lenin, ended its involvement in World War I. Russia's withdrawal from the war would later be formalized in the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (March 3, 1918).



1. According to this political cartoon, with what has the German bribed the Bolshevik to hand over Mother Russia?

2. With what group does this political cartoon appear to be more sympathetic—Russians, Bolsheviks, or Germans? Why?

3. Why do you suppose that Russia is represented as a woman, rather than by a figure of the Russian tsar? _____
