

# WRITING DEVELOPMENT

**RULE #1: If anything I say on this page conflicts with what your teachers have told you, I am wrong, and they are right.**

## New Economic Policy 1921-24

### 15. Explaining III – multiple explanations

When we last looked at ‘explaining’, we looked at ‘simple explanations’ – an explanation ‘pathway’ with a single idea as to how the cause led to the effect, thus:

CAUSE →	EXPLANATION OF <b>HOW</b>	→ CONSEQUENCE
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Therefore, if I were to attempt the question: “Why did Lenin introduce the NEP?” and using \$1 of the webpage, I might plan the sentence:

WAR COMMUNISM FAILED →	FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE TOWNS	→ NEED FOR THE <i>PRODNALOG</i>
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#### Multiple Explanations

However, with a little more thought I can do better than that. Most things in history have multiple explanations. For instance, the failure of War Communism was not just about food shortages in the towns:

WAR COMMUNISM FAILED →	FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE TOWNS	→ NEED FOR THE <i>PRODNALOG</i>
	ECONOMY IN RUINS	→ NEEDED A STIMULUS
	BOLSHEVIK RULES IGNORED	→ NEEDED NEW RULES
	OPPOSITION GROWING	→ NEEDED SUCCESS/POPULARITY
	UNEASE ABOUT CHEKA	→ NEED FOR THE GPU
	‘PROFOUND DISCREPANCIES’	→ NEED FOR A NEP

And, if you study \$A. on the webpage, you will see four other factors which caused Lenin to introduce the NEP. So, using them all, I can write an essay plan which looks like this:

WAR COMMUNISM FAILED →	FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE TOWNS	→ NEED FOR THE <i>PRODNALOG</i>
	ECONOMY IN RUINS	→ NEEDED A STIMULUS
	BOLSHEVIK RULES IGNORED	→ NEEDED NEW RULES
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	‘PROFOUND DISCREPANCIES’	→ NEED FOR A NEP
TAMBOV REBELLION →	DEMANDED END TO WAR COMMUNISM	→ NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES
	SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY	→ DANGER OF LOSING POWER
KRONSTADT MUTINY →	HAD BEEN BOLSHEVIKS SUPPORTERS	→ ‘FLASH OF LIGHTNING’
	NAVAL BASE	→ DANGER OF LOSING MILITARY
END OF CIVIL WAR →	MILITARY DANGER OVER	→ CONCENTRATE ON DOMESTIC
		→ NO EXCUSE FOR TERROR
IDEOLOGY →	RUSSIA HAS TINY PROLETARIAT	→ NEED FOR EDUCATION

1. Using \$B. of the webpage, develop a grid plan with multiple pathways like the one above to explain: “How did Lenin’s New Economic Policy help the Bolsheviks to survive, 1921-24?”

WHAT THE GOVT DID →	EXPLANATION OF <b>HOW</b>	→ HELPED BOLSHEVIKS SURVIVE
	EXPLANATION OF <b>HOW</b>	