Chapter 13

Unit 3: The World Around us



20th Century's Leaders

The 20th century was a time of great change and development around the world. This period witnessed the rise of leaders who shaped the course of history through their actions and impact on society.

Read about them and write their names using the Help Cell.

- He took his surname from the river Lena in Siberia. He is the most iconic leader of the Russian Revolution of 1917. He was the leader of the Bolshevik party. His efforts overthrew the Czar's government and finally, in October 1917, established the first communist government in the world.
 He led the USSR in very difficult times, especially when it was attacked by Germany during World War-II. Under his leadership, his country managed to defeat Germany, in spite of being unprepared for war.
- 3. During the world war-II (1939-1945), when his country, Britain, was at war with Germany, his leadership inspired his people not to lose heart. He is remembered by Indians as the Prime Minister who refused to grant them independence.
- 4. He was the founder of Pakistan. He and his party, the Muslim League, believed that Muslims should have a separate country. He is revered all over Pakistan under the title of Quaid-e-Azam.
- 5. He was an American civil rights leader who fought for the rights of 'black' people (now called Afro-Americans) in America. His 'I have a Dream' Speech inspired millions. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- 6. He was the Archbishop of Cape Town. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his non-violent struggle against apartheid.
- 7. He was the Prime Minister of Israel from 1977 to 1983. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Egyptian President, Anwar Sadat, in 1978. They were honoured for their efforts to bring peace to the West Asian region.
- 8. He was the leader of the Chinese revolution of 1949. He led a civil war against General Chiang Kai Shek, who was supported by the USA. He was a communist, but his form of communism was different from that of the USSR.











Help Cell

Winston Churchill, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Joseph Stalin, Vladimir LLiych Lenin, Menachem Begin, Mao Tse-Tung, Martin Luther king Jr., Desmond Tutu



C. Rajagopalachari, popularly known as 'Rajaji' was the only Indian Governor General of Independent India. He became the Governor-General in 1948.

