

Chapter 11: "The Mennonite Commonwealth," 1850-1917

1. Explain how the Mennonite colonies in Russia were "a state within a state"
 2. Read the section on Johann Cornies and the sidebar on "Trees planted upside-down." Why did some people criticize Cornies?
 3. Name two developments in the 1870s that eased the problem of Mennonites without land.
 4. Name the three concerns Klaas Reimer and the Kleine Gemeinde had towards the Mennonites in Russia.
 5. In what year was the Mennonite Brethren denomination founded? Who appears to be the primary founder of the group?
 6. Analyze the radical Apocalypticism of Class Epp. What were at least three factors that led into Epp's fanaticism? What were some of the reasons why some 600 Mennonites left for Asia under Epp's leadership?
 7. Name two internal "sicknesses" that the Mennonites in Russia faced by the end of the 1800s and at least two external threats to their way of life.
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1. Johann Cornies
 2. Klass Reimer
 3. Kleine Gemeinde
 4. Mennonite Brethren
 5. Class Epp