

Aim: How did Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge try to eliminate all the Cambodians?

Notes Khmer Rouge

I. The Rise of the Khmer Rouge

1. Former leader was deposed.
2. Lon Nol came to power but the Khmer Rouge gained power too.
3. In 1975 the U.S stopped bombing Cambodia.
4. In that same year Lon Nol resigned

II. Khmer Rouge in Power

1. The Khmer Rouge wanted a classless society
2. Pol Pot wanted to purify Cambodia from western ideas.
3. The regime executed civil servants, police, intellectuals and starved peasants

III. Torture and Killing

1. S-21 a prison camp was used to extract confessions from political prisoners.
2. To do this they used electrocution, hot metal prods, and knives.
3. Thousands were executed in this fashion and buried in mass graves.
4. 1.4 million Deaths, 20 percent of the population died between 1975 and 1978.

IV. The Fall of the Khmer Rouge

1. In 1978 100,000 Vietnamese troops invaded Cambodia.
2. Within weeks they took the capital and Pol Pot fled.
3. They instituted a new gov't the People's Republic of Kampuchea.
4. Pol Pot died in 1998.