

**Review Day on Monday  
& Unit 1 Test on  
Tuesday/Wednesday!**

# Stalin's Totalitarian Communist State

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## Agenda:

1. Study (10 min)
2. Russian Rev & Lenin Quiz
3. Stalin DVD (questions 1-6)
4. Intro to Stalin Reading & Qs
5. Stalin's 5 Year Plan Notes
  - a. Stalin DVD 7-16



***“We live, deaf to the land beneath us,  
Ten steps away no one hears our speeches,  
All we hear is the Kremlin mountaineer,  
The murderer and the peasant slayer.***

***His fingers are fat as grubs  
And the words, final as lead weight, fall from his lips,  
His cockroach whiskers leer  
And his boot-tops gleam”***


**~Osip Mandelstam**



# Read the following two quotes:

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1. What is Stalin's goal for the USSR?
2. Why does he want to become a powerful nation?



“We are fifty to a hundred years behind the advanced countries. Either we make good this difference in ten years or we shall be crushed”

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“The fundamental task of the Five Year Plan is to convert the USSR from an agrarian and weak country dependent on the caprices of the capitalist countries, into an industrial and powerful country, fully self-reliant and independent of world capitalism”

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Answer questions 1-6





# Intro to Stalin Reading & Questions

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Read each of the summaries of Stalin's Programs and answer the corresponding questions

# 5 Year Plan:

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- Goal: Make Soviet Union a modern powerful industrial nation who is not reliant on capitalist nations
- A plan for industry & a plan for agriculture



# Industry

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- Goal: 250% increase in industrial production
- Methods: Nationalized ALL industries & businesses
  - Reduced production of consumer goods to focus on industry
  - Factories ran 24 hours a day
  - Forced human labor
  - Work long hours, little pay, & complaints were not tolerated
  - Quota system: Factory owners had to meet quota or else they would be killed but received bonuses for meeting quota
  - Build transportation
- Command Economy: Gov't made all basic economic decisions








# Compare to NEP:

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How does this program differ from Lenin's NEP for industry?

# Results of 5 Year Plan

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- Industrial Results: “Successful”
    - Between 1928 & 1939 large factories, hydroelectric power stations, and huge industrial complexes arose
  - Oil, coal, & steel production increased
  - Mining expanded & new RR’s were built
  - However workers had little to show for their sacrifices
    - Horrible standard of living, low wages, no consumer goods
    - Due to the pressure of quotas many of the industrial products were of low quality



**"Agriculture is developing slowly, comrades. This is because we have about 25 million individually owned farms. They are the most primitive and undeveloped form of economy We must do our utmost to develop large farms and to convert them into grain factories for the country organised on a modern scientific basis." ~Stalin 1928**

# Agriculture

- Agricultural Goal: Increase agricultural production to feed city workers & export crops for money
- Methods: Collectivization
  - 25 mil. private farms were confiscated by gov't combined into state owned farms called collectives
  - 50-100 families worked on collectives as gov't workers, NOT as private farmers
  - All farm animals & tools had to be turned over to the collective (no longer their personal property)
  - State set all prices & controlled access to farm supplies
  - All food was supplied to city workers or sold abroad
- Opposition: Kulaks (wealthy peasants) resisted collectivization & they responded by killing farm animals, destroying tools, & burning crops





# Compare to NEP:

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How does this program differ from Lenin's NEP for agriculture?



# Results of 5 Year Plan

*“The essential point is that, clear orders existed to stop Ukrainian peasants entering Russia when food was available, and if they succeeded in getting through, we must confiscate any food they were carrying”*

- Agricultural Results: Complete Disaster
- Liquidation (death) of the kulaks & many peasants
- Angry peasants began to only grow enough food to feed themselves
- Stalin reacted by seizing all of the grain & starving the peasants to death
  - *Between 5 & 8 million people die in Ukraine alone*
  - *Sent Red Army in to put down peasant revolts*
  - 1936 - Violence & famine killed 5 million more peasants
    - meanwhile Stalin was exporting grain to make money for industrialization
- Later Russia even needs to IMPORT food to feed its people



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Answer questions 7-16





# Stalin's USSR

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## Agenda:

1. Stalin's Purges & Gulags Notes
  - Stalin DVD 17-28
2. Stalin Stations
  - Remainder of Today & All day tomorrow

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# Great Purge (1934)

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Gulag prisoners build a canal between the Baltic and White seas, 1932.



- Stalin is paranoid that rival leaders are plotting against him
- Reign of Terror
  - Secret Police
- Targeted:
  - Old Bolshevik party members
  - Writers
  - Ordinary citizens



# Purges Continued

- 1936-1938: Show trials in Moscow
  - Sent to Siberia (labor camps) or killed
- Estimate: At LEAST 4 million purged
- Result of Purge: Increased Stalin's power
  - Old Revolutionaries-- Replaced by young loyal party members
  - All citizens aware of consequences of disloyalty
  - Stalin purged many military leaders
    - *This will hurt Russia in 1941 (Germany invades)*



# Foreign Policy



- Between 1917 & 1939 - 2 very different goals
  - 1: Bring about world revolution (Communist)
  - 2: Guarantee nation's security
- Lenin: Formed Comintern (Communist International)
  - Aided revolutionary groups
  - Urged colonial people to rise against imperialistic nations
  - BUT Soviet Union also joined League of Nations
- Propaganda - Made West suspicious
  - Red Scare (USA)
- Increased trade with capitalist countries

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Answer Questions 17-28



# Stalin Stations

- 1: Work independently to get it done! Only do one station at a time
  - You will have all of Monday for this.
- 2: If it doesn't say why he did it...that means I want you to THINK & try to figure it out (educated guess!)
- 3: The 3 documents on the back worksheet are a little different. Make sure you indicate if it's a primary or secondary source!
- 4: Think about and decide which of these programs was the worst thing Stalin did and why!

## **Agenda:**

### **1. Review for Unit Test**

- **Worksheet Due Day of Test**
- **Journal Check Day of Test**

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# Review Day