

Questions

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How did Josef Stalin's childhood affect his adult life? Why do you think he changed his name from Josef Dzhugashvili to Josef Stalin?

- peasant family
- awkward
- @ 19 joined Lenin / Bol.
- dad violent alcoholic
- arm short
- 19
- intelligent
- family poor
- 5'4"
- "Man of steel"

2. Stalin is described as a man of action, not a man of ideas. Examples?

2.1. Why did Lenin find Stalin useful?

- peasant - WORKING CLASS - NOT AN INTELLECTUAL
- get things done -> PURGES
- Commissioner of Nationalities (take field to enforce communism)

2.2. Why, eventually, did Lenin not trust Stalin?

- "no man, no problem" - death solves problems
- ruthlessness
- DIFFICULT
- HATES PEOPLE
- ~~LENIN~~ LENIN'S SECRET WILL CRITICIZES HIM AS HEARTLESS + RUDE.

\* PARTY SECRETARIAT - appointed personnel

3. What were the 'collective farms'?

- Kulaks - 15 million sent to Siberia. <sup>↳ KOLKHOZ</sup>
- 25000 farmers
- 1930 - 1/2 cattle killed
- FARM COMMITTEE = TIGHT GOVERNMENT CONTROL
- PEASANTS POOL LAND + RESOURCES "MEGA FARMS"

4. Why were the collective farms a failure? How did Stalin's agricultural policies contribute to the famine?

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- 1/2 cattle killed
- GRAIN YIELD FALLS
- ppl SLAUGHTER LIVESTOCK IN PROTEST.
- took all grain - CANNIBALISM.
- CAN'T FEED SELVES - NEVERMIND KEEP SEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR.
- 5 million starved - <sup>IN UKRAINE</sup> Stalin denied it.

5. What role did propoganda have in the Soviet Union under Stalin? How did Stalin use propoganda to strengthen his regime?

- Stalin - 'saved USSR' - people believe he was infalible
- 'brought food' - schools taught Stalin as God.

6. Describe Stalin's "reign of terror". Did most Soviets believe Stalin was responsible?

millions disappeared!

- 1934 Kirov was killed
- 1000s of intelligent people dead or kulak
- (paranoia)
- 1936-38 mid Bolshheviks' ELIMINATES KULAKS
- 57/85 commanders gone.
- 1000s of officers

7. Why did so many Soviets mourn the death of Stalin?

- STROKE.  
- MARCH 5 - 1953

- USSR = A SUPERPOWER
- HEAVILY INDUSTRIALIZED
- HAD BEEN TAUGHT VIA PROPAGANDA THAT THEY NEEDED HIM
- FEARED WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT HIM.

Summarize the Five Year Plans:

First Five Year Plan (1927 to 1932)

"command economy" - GOVERNMENT CONTROLS OUTPUT/INPUT OF ECONOMY

MAJOR GOALS: MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES TO INDUSTRIALIZE THE COUNTRY

AGRICULTURE, OIL, STEEL, COAL, ELECTRIC = 2-3X INCREASE

1929 'Collectivisation' - COMBINE FARMS/EQUIPMENT → "MORE EFFICIENT"

Kulaks - LAND OWNER CLASS OF PEASANTS - ELIMINATED. 10 MILL DIED

women - EQUALITY, PAY STATUS, UNIV PROF, DOCTORS, ARMY

education MORE SCHOOLS, UNIV, MEDICINE

Results of First Five Year Plan:

- ① OIL = MET TARGET
- ② COAL > NEARLY DOUBLED
- ③ IMPROVED PRODUCTION
- ④ PPL UPROOTED + RESETTLED  
- AGRICULTURE  
↳ URBAN

Second Five Year Plan (1933 to 1937)

focus: HEAVY INDUSTRY; 2X/3X 1932 LEVELS FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

Purges - GREAT TERROR → 1934. NKVD MURDERS STALIN'S ENEMIES.  
MOST OLD GUARD BOLSHEVIKS DEAD. RED ARMY PURGED

results - 90% OF PEASANTS = COLLECTIVIZED; RAPID URBANIZATION  
AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION INCREASED; STANDARD OF LIVING WAS INCREASED.  
FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION; STAGGERING ACHIEVEMENT → NOT ALL TARGETS REACHED

Third Five Year Plan? SWITCHED EMPHASIS TO LIGHT INDUSTRY →

FOR CONSUMER GOODS → WANT TO RAISE STANDARD OF LIVING.

WWII → DROPPED PLAN TO FOCUS ON ARMAMENTS