

# *The Stalin Presentation*

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JOSEPH STALIN WAS A WELL KNOWN DICTATOR WHO RULED THE USSR WITH AN IRON FIST BETWEEN 1928 AND 1941.

HE RULED BY CAUSING FEAR THROUGHOUT THE MASSES. EVEN HIS OWN ARMIES FEARED HIM. HIS RISE TO POWER WAS A TRUE FEAT OF MANIPULATION AND MASTERFUL SCHEMING.



# *Stalin's Rise to Power*

STALIN GAINED THE LOYALTY OF MANY POWERFUL AND WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS BY DOING LARGE FAVOURS FOR THE ELITE. HE LATER COLLECTED THE VARIOUS DEBTS OWED TO HIM IN THE FORM OF SUPPORT FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS LEADER OF RUSSIA. YET, ONCE HIS ALLIES WERE OF NO USE TO HIM ANYMORE, HE DID NOT HESITATE TO HAVE THEM "REMOVED" FROM HIS PARTY. (HE KILLED THEM)

THE FORMER LEADER, A REVOLUTIONARY BY THE NAME OF VLADIMIR LENIN, AT FIRST WANTED STALIN ON HIS COUNCIL BECAUSE HE WAS "A MAN OF ACTION". HE LATER GAINED REASON TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT TO BE ENTRUSTED LEADERSHIP OVER RUSSIA. WHEN LENIN WAS ON HIS DEATHBED, HE WROTE THAT STALIN MUST NOT BE ELECTED LEADER BECAUSE HE WAS "TOO RUDE". FURTHERMORE, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT STALIN WAS NOT TO SUCCEED HIM. BUT THE MAN WHO RECEIVED THE LETTER WAS AN ALLY OF STALIN WHO INSTEAD GAVE IT TO STALIN HIMSELF.

TROTSKY AND STALIN WERE THE HEAD CONTENDERS FOR LEADERSHIP. DESPITE TROTSKY HAVING LENIN'S FAVOUR, STALIN WON BY A LANDSLIDE. ONCE LEADER, STALIN EXILED TROTSKY TO MEXICO WHERE HE LIVED FOR A FEW YEARS SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKS AND STALIN UNTIL STALIN SENT AN ASSASSIN TO DISPOSE OF TOTSKY. HE WAS PROMPTLY MURDERED WITH AN ICEPICK TO THE BACK OF THE HEAD, AND PASSED AWAY ONLY DAYS LATER.



*His ideas for the 5  
Year Plan*



DURING THE 5 YEAR PLANS, PEOPLE LIED ABOUT HOW MUCH PROGRESS THEY WERE ACTUALLY MAKING IN ORDER TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER BECAUSE STALIN WAS VERY CLEAR AND STRICT ABOUT THE TIME THEY NEEDED TO BE DONE. THEREFORE ALL OF THE PROGRESS THAT RUSSIA MADE WAS NOT VERY RELIABLE WHEN LOOKING BACK.

IN ORDER TO MAKE PEOPLE WORK HARDER THE SOVIETS TOOK A MAN AND VIDEOTAPED HIM WORKING SO THEY COULD MOTIVATE THEIR WORKERS INTO WORKING HARDER. BUT, THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MATTER WAS THAT THEY HAD VIDEO TAPED THE MAN WORKING AND AFTER THEY SPED UP THE TAPE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DO ALL THE WORK HE DID. THEY DID THIS TO MAKE THE WORKERS DO MORE THAN THEY COULD IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE FIVE YEAR PLANS ON TIME OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

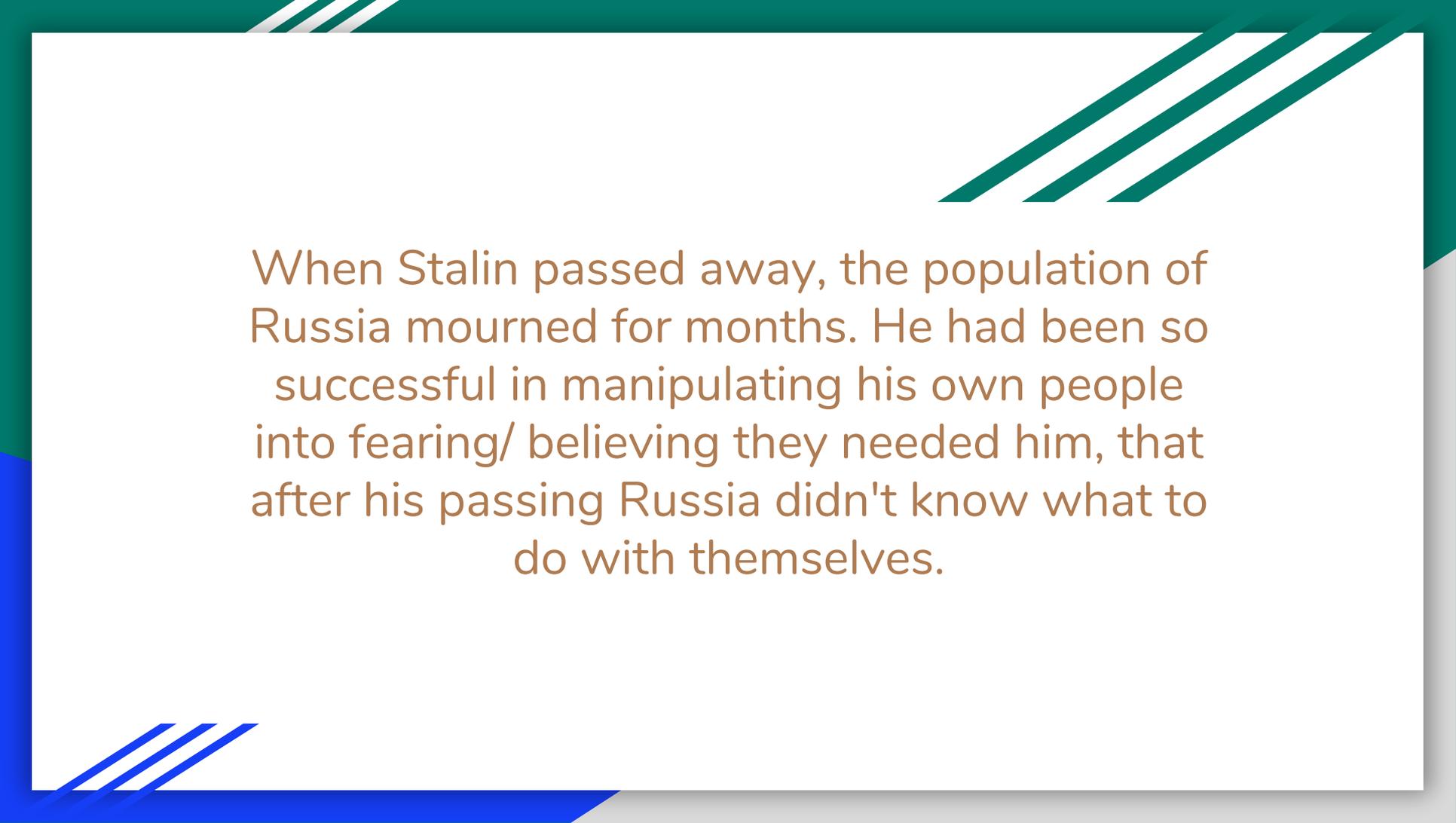
ONE OF THE FIVE YEAR PLANS WAS TO BUILD A WATERWAY THAT WOULD BE BIGGER THAN THE WATERWAY IN THE US AND IT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED FASTER. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS IS THAT THE WORKERS HAD TO CUT A LOT OF CORNERS TO GET THIS DONE. THIS RESULTED IN THE WATERWAY NOT BEING DEEP ENOUGH FOR BOATS TO CROSS AND BECAME A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE ALOUGH STALIN CALLED IT A SUCCESS.

The image features a brown background with a white diagonal stripe running from the bottom right towards the center. At the top left, three dark blue diagonal lines extend from the edge. Two light grey, fluffy clouds are positioned at the top, with several blue raindrops falling from them. The text 'Reign of Terror' is written in a dark blue, cursive font across the middle. Below the text, more blue raindrops are scattered across the brown background. At the bottom right, three gold diagonal lines extend from the edge.

# *Reign of Terror*

STALIN HAD CREATED A CULT OF PERSONALITY, USING PROPAGANDA AS A WAY TO PAINT HIMSELF AS RUSSIA'S SAVIOR, AND TO AN EXTENT, THEIR GOD.

HE CREATED AND SPREAD FEAR  
AMONGST THE POPULACE BY  
PURGING 90% OF THEIR ARMY  
OFFICIALS, AND USING HIS INFLUENCE  
TO ERASE HIS COMPETITORS AND  
RIVALS FROM HISTORY; ANYONE HE  
DEEMED A THREAT TO HIS  
LEADERSHIP (INCLUDING HIS OWN  
SON)



When Stalin passed away, the population of Russia mourned for months. He had been so successful in manipulating his own people into fearing/ believing they needed him, that after his passing Russia didn't know what to do with themselves.