

# THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

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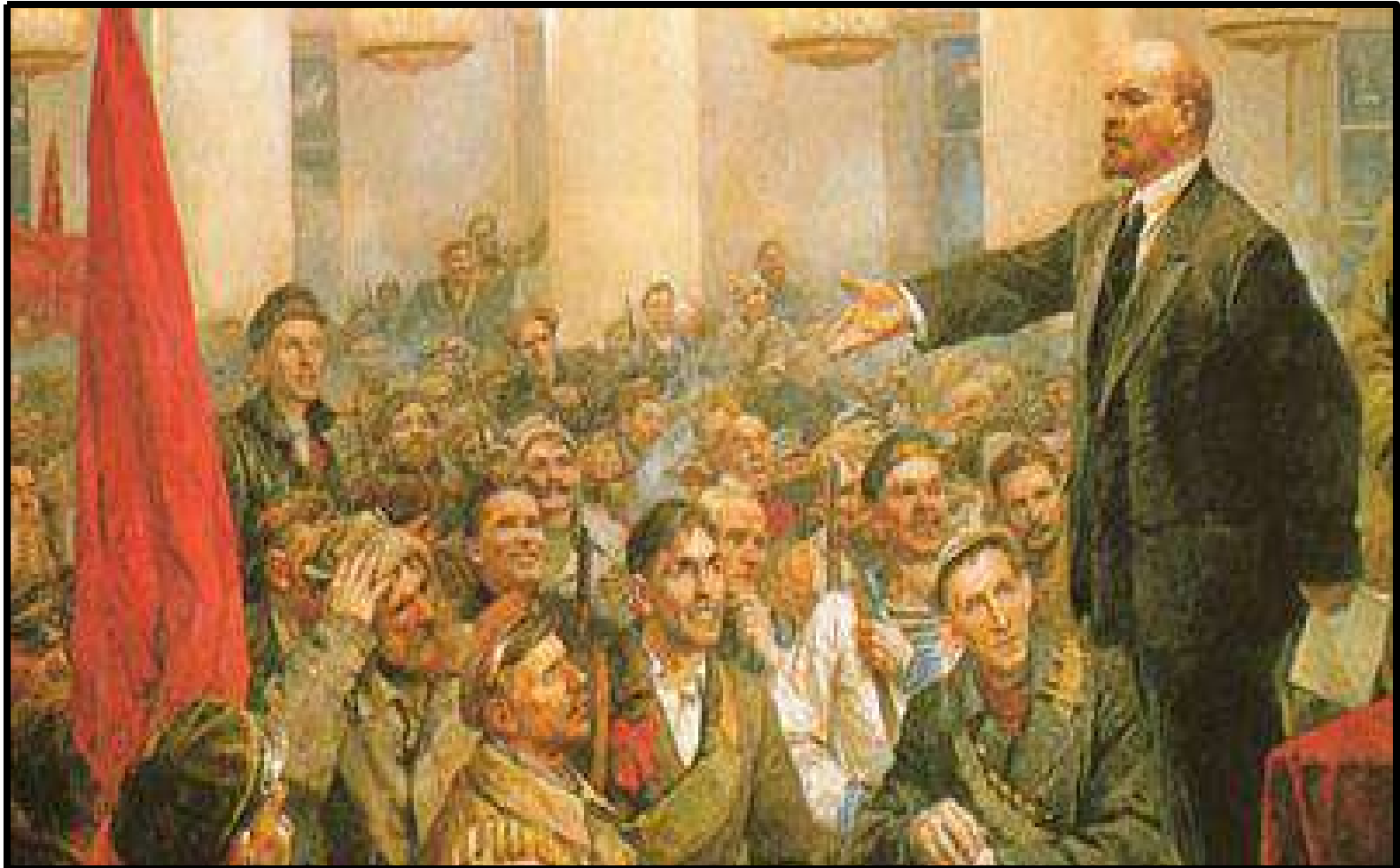
THE RISE OF  
JOSEPH STALIN

## **Essential Question:**

*What were the positive and negative aspects of Joseph Stalin's rule over the Soviet Union?*



In 1917, Vladimir Lenin led the ***Bolsheviks*** in an overthrow of the Russian government



## Causes and Effects of Two Russian Revolutions, 1917

### Causes: Czarist Russia

- Czar's leadership was weak.
- Revolutionary agitation challenges the government.
- Widespread discontent found among all classes.

### Effects/Causes: March Revolution

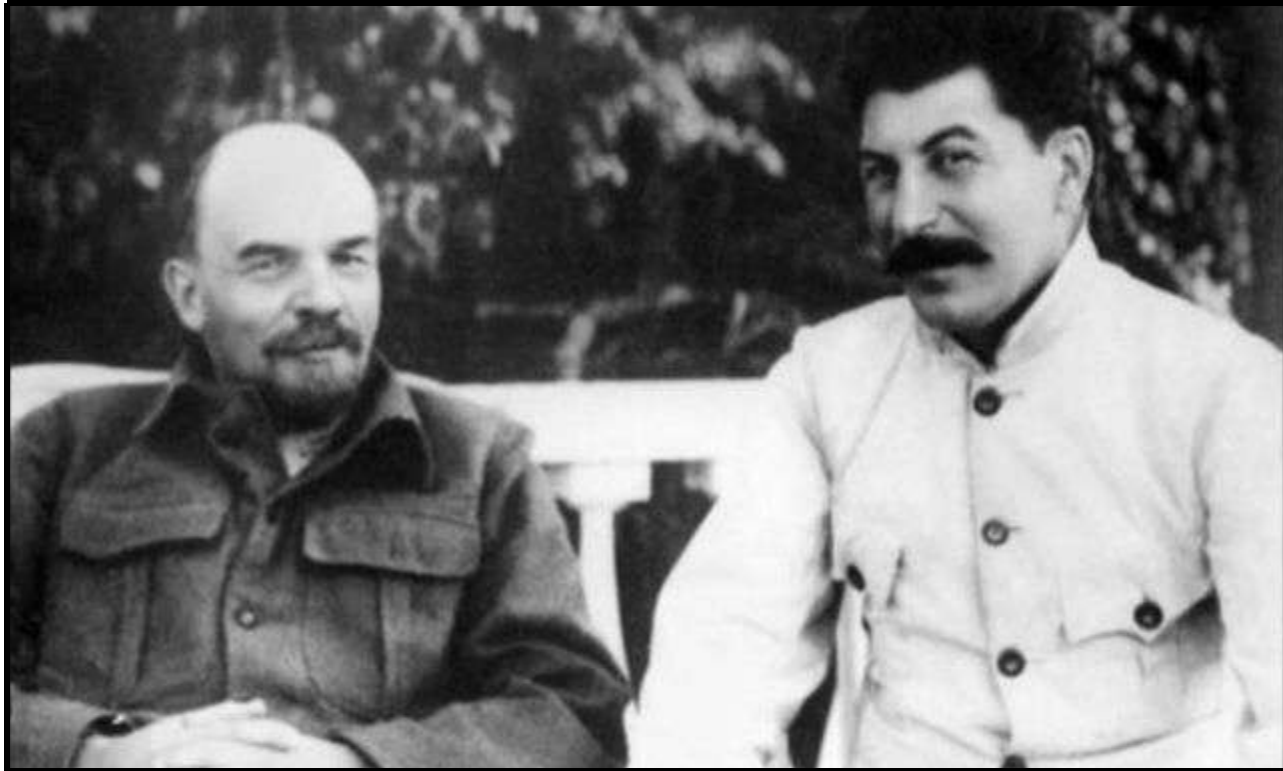
- Czar abdicates.
- Provisional government takes over.
- Lenin and soviets gain power.
- Russia stays in World War I.

### Effects: Bolshevik Revolution

- Provisional government is overthrown.
- Bolsheviks take over.
- Bolsheviks sign peace treaty with Germany and leave World War I.
- Civil war begins in Russia.

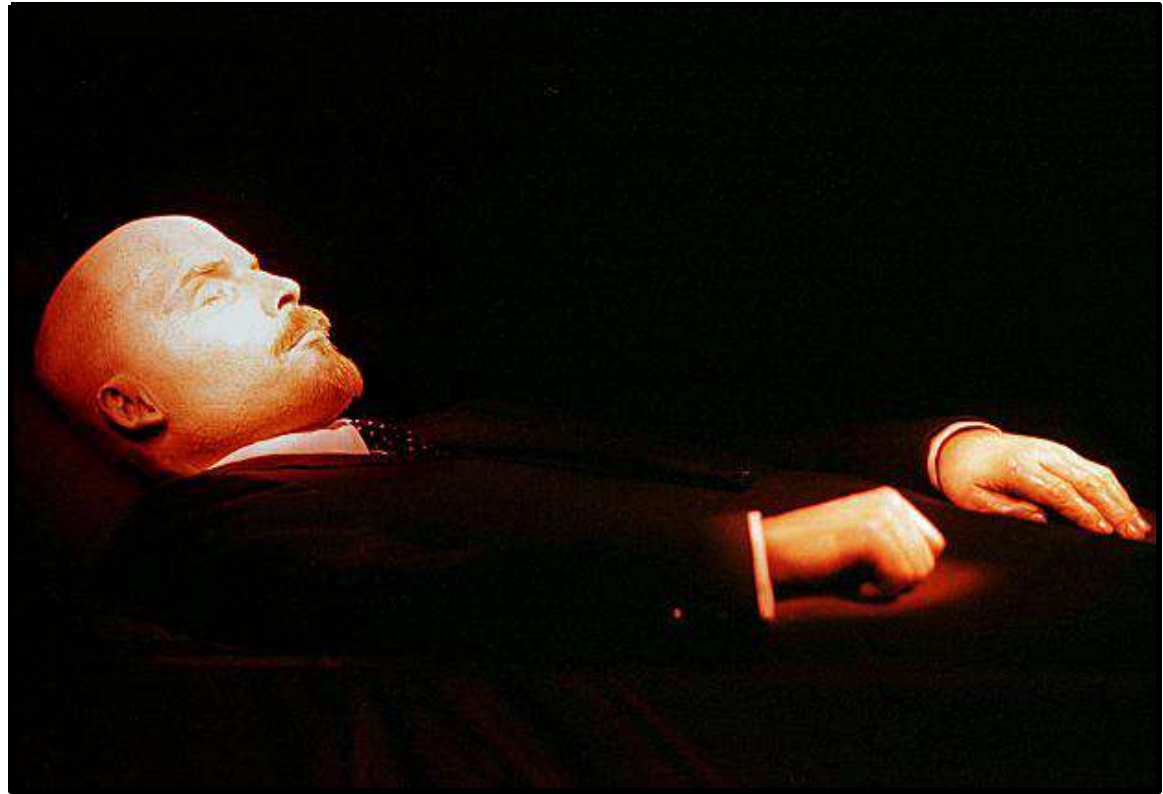
Lenin transformed Russia into the ***Soviet Union***, the world's first ***socialist*** government and created the Communist Party to rule the nation

# THE SOVIET UNION'S NEXT LEADER



Lenin would not rule the Soviet Union for long; his health declined when he suffered a **stroke** in 1922

Several of his followers all wanted to replace Lenin after his death; one of them was a notorious thug named **Joseph Stalin**, who



Lenin *died* in 1924; Lenin's death led to a struggle for *power* in the Soviet Union





By 1927, Joseph Stalin outmaneuvered (and sometimes murdered) his rivals and ***gained control*** of the Soviet Union

Stalin quickly created a ***totalitarian*** state; in a totalitarian state, the government and its leader have ***total control*** of the peoples' lives

# TOTALITARIAN: A DEFINITION

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A *political regime* based on subordination of the individual to the state. There is ***strict control*** of all aspects of life of the nation's citizens, especially by ***forceful measures*** (such as censorship, brutal police action,





# THE COMMUNIST PARTY



Stalin was a totalitarian dictator who transformed the USSR into a ***police state***

# THE COMMUNIST PARTY



Stalin led the ***Great Purge*** to eliminate potential ***rivals*** in the Communist Party (Stalin executed possibly as many as ***20 million***)



Stalin used ***propaganda*** and censorship to control information and began ***education*** programs to teach communist ideals and loyalty

# The Five Year Plans



Stalin created a series of ***Five Year Plans*** to overhaul the Soviet

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Stalin seized control of the economy and set high production quotas on **steel**, coal, oil, and





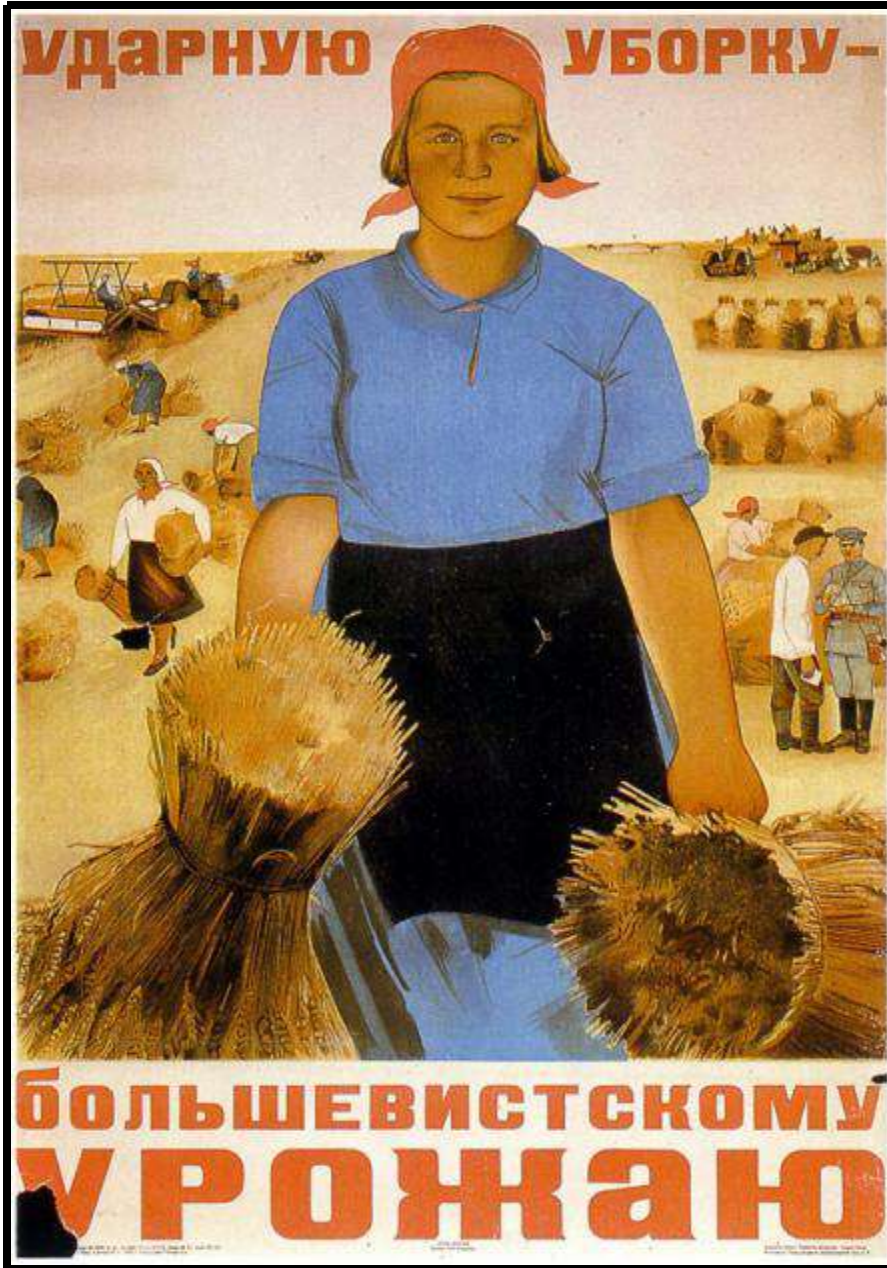
Stalin's Five  
Year Plans  
dramatically  
improved  
Soviet  
industry and  
helped  
modernize  
the *military*





**ТЕ ЖЕ ГОДЫ, ДА РАЗНЫЕ „ПОГОДЫ“**

# Collectivization



Stalin seized  
25 million  
acres of  
*private* farms  
and combined  
them into large  
*government-*  
*controlled*  
collective  
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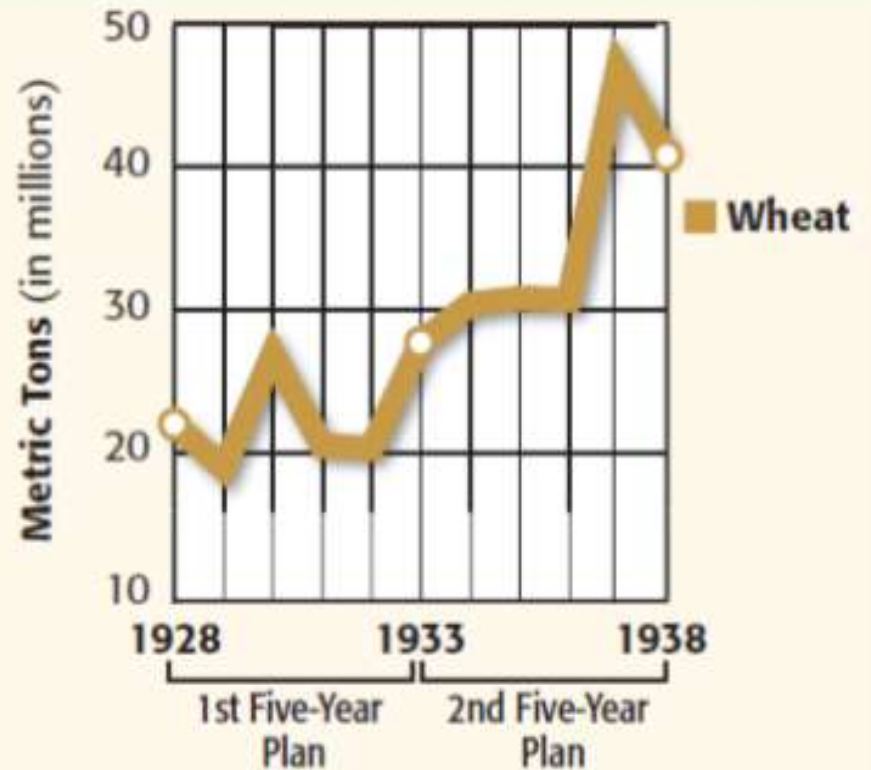
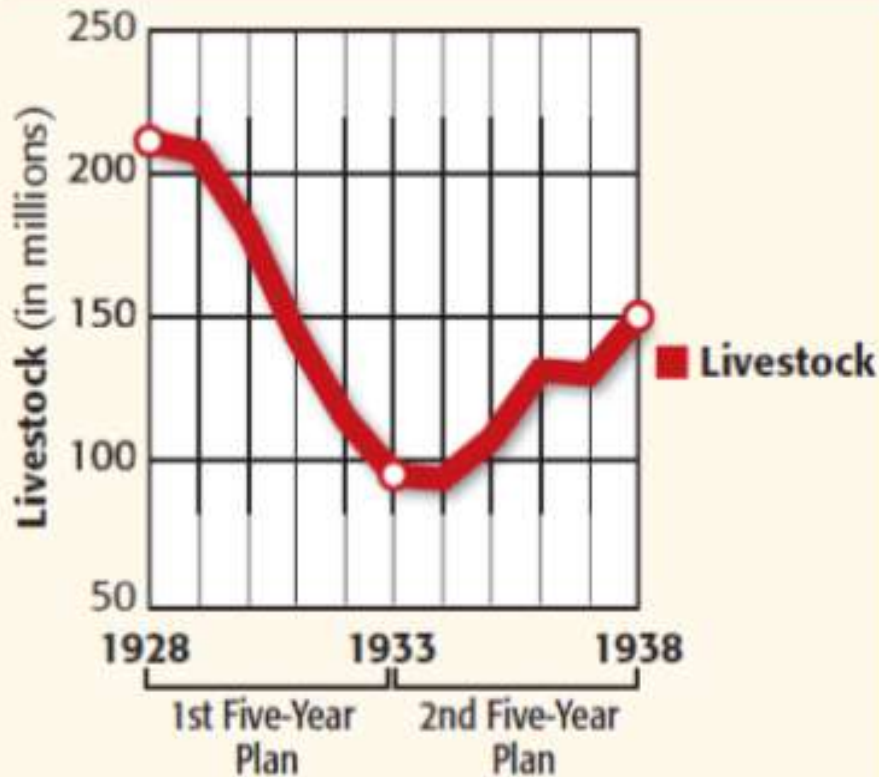


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Agricultural production *improved* in the USSR, but farming was *inefficient* and peasants resented having their land taken from them



## DELIBERATE STARVATION OF PEASANTS





This corpse is that of the father of the boy pictured at the right. The emaciated child was unable even to bury his father. There was no death in the village since the...

Just east of the USSR, and the two would only come the body with skin. (AP photo copyright, 1933, by American Newspaper, Inc.)

### Villages Depopulated by Hunger in Ukraine as Soviet Punish Their Opponents

**S**TARVATION rages through the Ukraine today as Soviet Russia, having a ghastly toll of death and agony. The Ukraine is the most fertile grain producing district in Russia.

The facts contained in the series of articles of which this is the first, were collected by Thomas Walker, an American journalist who was in Russia last Spring in charge of a mission.

While photographs shown with these articles were obtained under the most adverse and dangerous conditions, they disclose these horrors in more graphic detail than words.

Who knows what a terrible disaster, to which many thousands of lives, could not be saved, had been, because the famine was so great.

BY THOMAS WALKER,  
Staff Journalist, Tribune and Author of Russian Articles,  
Who Has Spent Several Years Traveling the  
Country of Soviet Russia.

The brutal power of the Ukraine spent the years in suffering and sorrow, and when his return...



### Ukrainian Kulaks

The kulaks in Ukraine (shown above) fiercely resisted collectivization. They murdered officials, torched the property of the collectives, and burned their own crops and grain in protest.

Recognizing the threat kulaks posed to his policies, Stalin declared that they should "liquidate kulaks as a class." The state took control of kulak land and equipment, and confiscated stores of food and grain. More than 3 million Ukrainians were shot, exiled, or imprisoned. Some 6 million people died in the government-engineered famine that resulted from the destruction of crops and animals. By 1935, the kulaks had been eliminated.

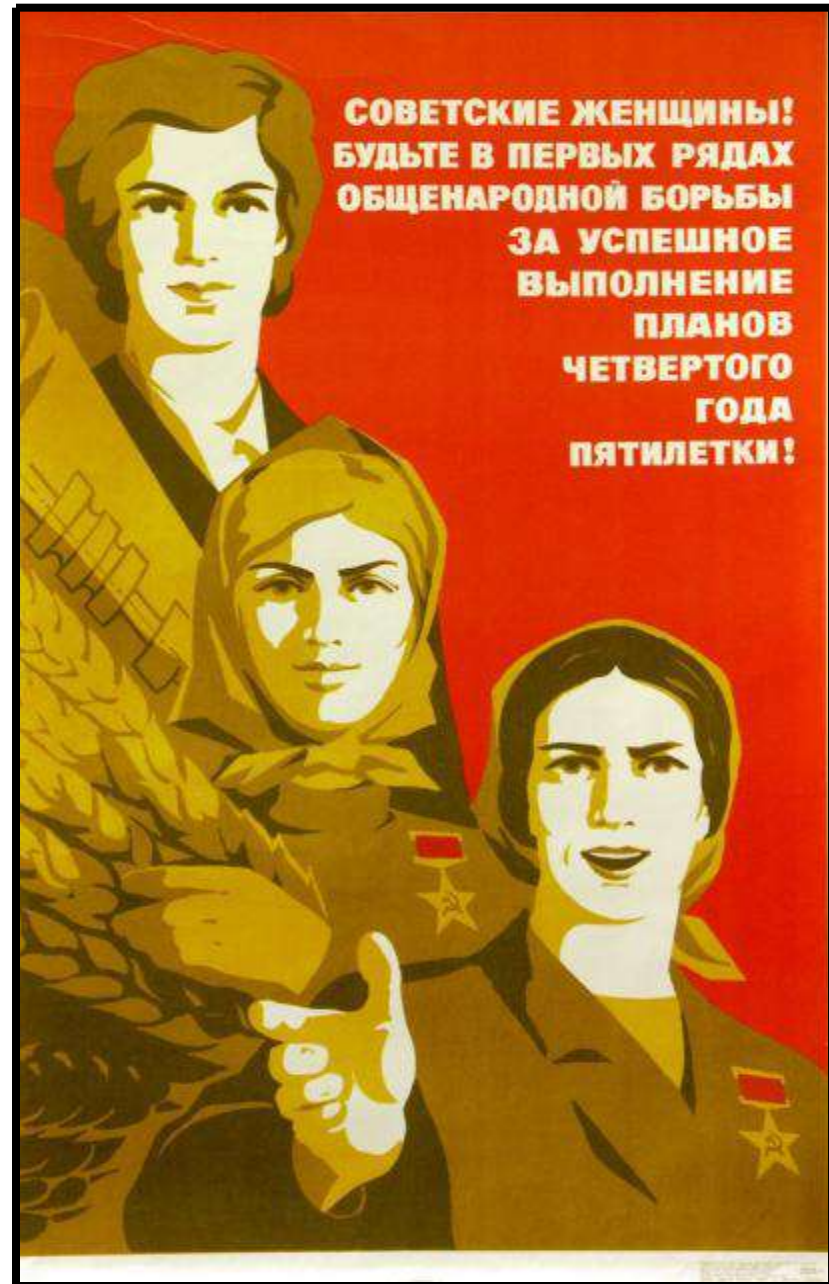
# Individual Rights

Stalin declared men and women **equal** in the USSR; Women's rights increased as women could **vote** and join the Communist Party



Women were expected to **work** in factories and on collective farms like men

СОВЕТСКИЕ ЖЕНЩИНЫ!  
БУДЬТЕ В ПЕРВЫХ РЯДАХ  
ОБЩЕНАРОДНОЙ БОРЬБЫ  
ЗА УСПЕШНОЕ  
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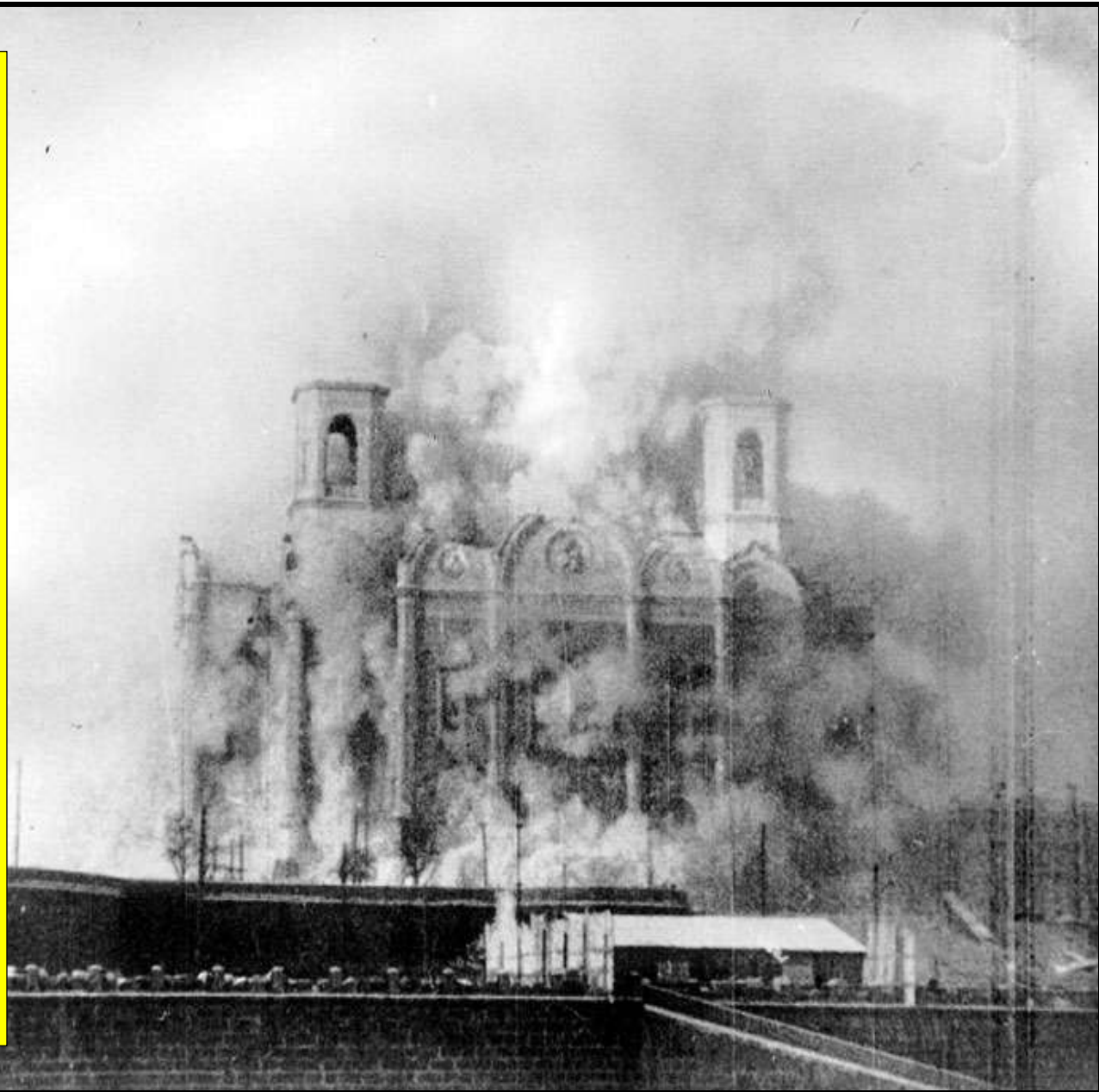




Stalin  
attacked all  
***religion*** and  
created a  
nation of  
***atheists*** (no  
emphasis on  
religion);

Stalin  
ordered  
destruction of  
Orthodox  
churches and

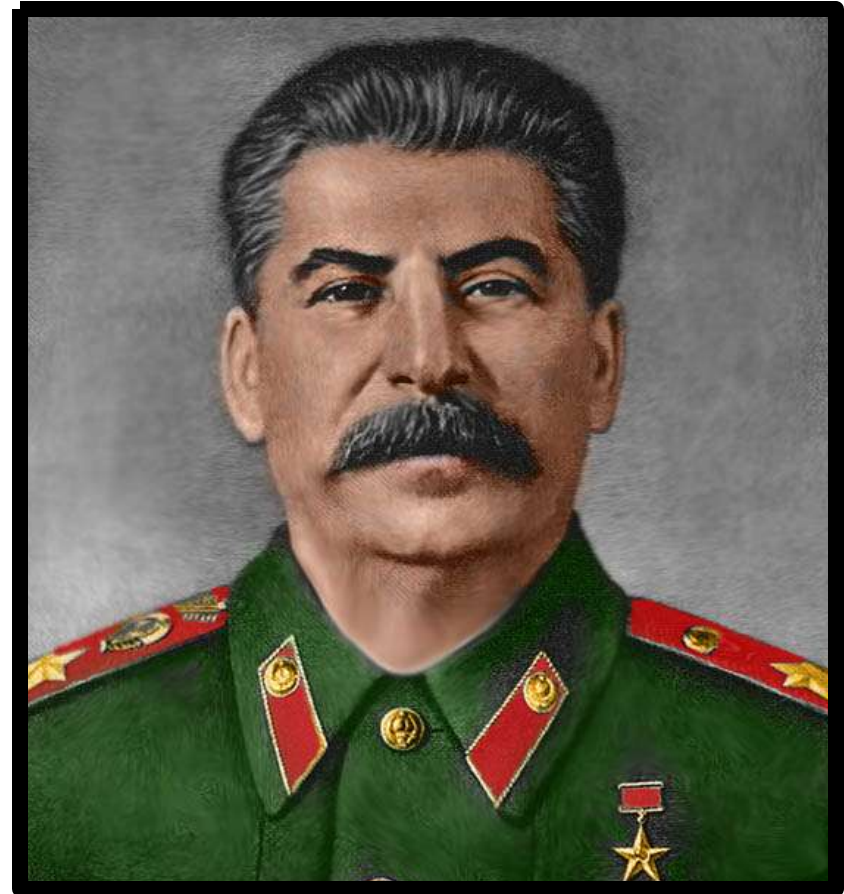
Jewish  
synagogues



# STALIN: A MASS MURDERER

☆ An important thing to know about Joseph Stalin is that he was as ***murderous*** as any

☆ Stalin was also ***ruthless*** in protecting his own power and ***ultra-paranoid*** of those



around

☆ Stalin would “***purge***” his enemies, both real and imagined, ***executing*** anyone he thought was “***disloyal***” or a

# JOSEPH STALIN: COMPLETELY RUTHLESS

*"Gratitude is a sickness suffered by dogs."*

*"I trust no one, not even myself."*

*"The Pope? How many divisions has he got?"*

*"Death is a solution to all problems. No man, no problem."*

*"In the Soviet Army, it takes more courage to retreat than advance."*

*"The death of one man is a tragedy.*

*The death of millions is a statistic."*

*"I believe in one thing only, the power of human will."*

**THESE QUOTES BY STALIN SHOULD  
ILLUSTRATE THAT HE WAS AN  
EXTREMELY COLDHEARTED,  
IMMORAL, AND RUTHLESS MAN**

# LENIN AND STALIN: UTTERLY RUTHLESS



Lenin did anything to achieve his goals, including ***bank robberies*** to fund the Bolsheviks and ordering the deaths of about 300,000 people who stood in his way

As ruthless as Lenin was, Stalin was far worse; by the time his life was over, Stalin had destroyed the lives of over ***20 million Russians*** through imprisonment, torture, slavery, and murder



# CULT OF PERSONALITY

- ★ Stalin established a ***cult of personality*** to keep control of the Soviet Union
- ★ A cult of personality is similar to ***hero worship***
- ★ A cult of personality arises when an individual uses ***mass media*** and ***propaganda*** to create an idealized and heroic public image, often through unquestioning flattery and praise



# OFFICIAL INFO ABOUT THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Communists  
are the leader  
of the *working  
people*. No one  
has special  
privileges and  
all are *equal*



# SECRET REALITY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

In reality, only *half* the working people were members of the Communist Party. Stalin *killed* or imprisoned any Party member he thought was disloyal. Leaders lived in privileged





# OFFICIAL INFO ABOUT THE FIVE YEAR PLANS



Stalin's plans will enable the USSR to *catch up* with the rest of Europe. The USSR will be just as strong in terms of *industrial* power. Under Stalin's direction, Soviet industry *tripled* its

# SECRET REALITY OF THE FIVE YEAR PLANS



Anyone who went against Stalin's plans were *executed* or imprisoned. To meet the high numbers of Stalin's demands, workers focused on speed, not quality. The *quality* of products from Soviet factories fell terribly.



# OFFICIAL INFO ABOUT THE COLLECTIVE FARMS

Land will be taken away from wealthy landowners and distributed *equally* among the peasants. Collectivization will make farming more productive and *efficient*.





# SECRET REALITY OF THE COLLECTIVE FARMS

Anyone who opposed collectivization was punished: more than 12 million were executed and more sent to *slave camps*. At first, collectivization did not work and 5 million Russians died in the resulting *famine*



# OFFICIAL INFO ABOUT INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS



Soviet citizens had full *rights*: of speech, assembly, press, religion. Women had *equal* roles in Soviet society. Minority groups enjoy equal rights.



# SECRET REALITY OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS



In reality, Stalin controlled every aspect of Soviet life; there was very little *freedom*. Religion was wiped out in the USSR. Minorities were deported, killed, or *enslaved*.