

Stalin: Man of Steel

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42 Minutes

Background: Joseph Stalin was one of the most powerful men of all time, however, he was also one of the cruelest. As a leader, husband, friend, and ally, Joseph Stalin was a man to be feared. We can learn a great lesson from The Soviet Union and their ruthless leader. As you watch the film *Stalin: Man of Steel*, answer the questions below.

Rise to Power

1. Joseph Stalin, he was as powerful and unprincipled as any dictator in history. He transformed Russia from a peasant society to a global _____, but the human cost was staggering. _____ as many people were executed under Stalin's regime as were under Hitler.
2. How many times was Stalin arrested and exiled?
3. On the night of October 25, 1917 the _____ storm the winter palace in St. Petersburg. The czar is toppled. _____ takes charge.
4. **True** **False** Lenin's writings endorsed Stalin to be the next leader.
5. The Russian _____ religion, the faith of millions of Russians is _____. Stalin will permit loyalty to nothing and no one other than himself.
6. What do they do they do to churches and priests?

Additional Note: The Kremlin is Russia's government headquarters.

Collectivization, Industrialization, and Slavery

7. After 3 years in power, Joseph Stalin announces he first _____ plan. He envisions a new Russia. He launches a program of crash _____ that is designed to turn the country from a peasant society into a global power.
8. _____, or giant state owned farms will help pay for this enormous undertaking.
9. Collective farms meant taking the land away from all the peasants/farmers and _____ them of their land and putting them all together on _____ lands. (*Communism*)
10. Why did the police carry out the orders of searching homes for personal property?
11. Hundreds of thousands of workers who refuse Stalin's orders are sent to large work camps called _____.
12. How many died building the canal?
13. By the mid 1930s, how many forced laborers were there in the Soviet Union?
14. **True** **False** Escaping was easy because all of the roads and train lines were open.

15. **True** **False** Things were so bad in the Ukraine that families ate each other to survive.

16. Using only **2 words**, describe the relationship between Stalin and his wife:

Additional Note: The NKVD was Stalin's secret police.

Murder, Fear, & The Great Purge

17. What did Stalin have done to all of his rivals?

18. Of the delegates of the 17th Congress alone, _____% were shot. He will soon turn _____ against _____.

19. Neighbors turn against neighbors. No one is _____.

20. "If someone didn't make the right statement, we would _____ out of them."

21. All over the Soviet Union, _____ are reminders of the horror. Purge in Russian means _____. *Chiska*.

22. How long were the trials out in the field?

23. During a two year period, more than _____ million people are killed nationwide. Known as the _____ (Purge) it is a meticulously organized mass extermination.

The Gulags

24. Those not executed are _____ to the Gulag in Siberia in cattle cars in _____ conditions.

25. From the authentic images from within the Gulag, use several descriptive words to describe what it was like:

26. What did the Russians say about Kolyma? "Kolyma is _____."

27. Who did inmates send letters to hoping he would help them?

28. How many prisoners died in Kolyma?

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