



Topic 8.7

THE SOVIET UNION UNDER STALIN

1. With the death of _____ in January 1924, Joseph Stalin became the leader of the Soviet Union.
2. In a short time, Stalin turned the Soviet Union into a _____ state controlled by a powerful and complex _____.
3. Once in power, Stalin set to make the Soviet Union a modern _____.
4. To achieve his goals, Stalin brought all economic activity under _____ control. The government owned all _____, distributed all _____, and the Soviet Union developed a _____ economy.
5. Overall, the standard of living under Stalin remained low. _____ were low, workers were forbidden to _____, and _____ goods were scarce. Central planning was inefficient and factories turned out large quantities of _____.
6. Stalin also brought _____ under his control, but at a horrendous cost.
7. Farmers were permitted to keep their _____ and personal belongings, but all _____ and _____ had to be turned over to the government. The state set all _____ and controlled access to farm supplies.
8. Farmers resisted Stalin's policies and in 1932, the government seized all of their _____ leaving the peasants to starve. _____ to _____ million people died in the Ukraine alone. _____ more died in other parts of the Soviet Union.
9. As time went on, Stalin tightened his grasp on every aspect of _____, stamping out any signs of _____. Stalin ruthlessly used _____ as a weapon against his own people. He perpetrated _____ against humanity, carried out politically motivated _____, and systematically violated his people's _____.
10. Critics were rounded up and sent to the _____, a system of brutal labor camps, where many died. Many were _____, and countless individuals were put on trial and accused of crimes they did not _____.
11. In order to maintain total control over the hearts and minds of the people, Stalin's regime tirelessly distributed _____, censored any _____ ideas, imposed Russian culture on _____, and replaced religion with _____.
12. Using modern technology, the Communist Party bombarded the public with relentless _____.