

# Russia Under Stalin

## I. Russia Post Lenin (1924)

- A. Trotsky vs. Stalin
- B. Challenges to the NEP

## II. Russia Under Stalin

### A. First 5 Year Plan (1928 - 1932)

- 1. Rapid industrialization with minor foreign technical and machinery assistance
- 2. Agricultural collectivization
- 3. Liquidation of the Kulaks
- 4. Peasants = new proletariat

### B. Second 5 Year Plan (1932 - 1937)

- 1. Absolutely no foreign investment
- 2. Focus on heavy machinery
- 3. 1928 - 1938 = coal production increased 4x
- 4. By 1938 - USSR = largest producer of tractors and locomotives; second only to US in gross industrial production

### C. Third 5 Year Plan - interrupted by WWII

### D. Fourth 5 Year Plan (1946 - 1950) = War recovery

## III. Impact of Stalinization (Good and Bad)

### A. Political

- 1. Party control - Gosplan
- 2. Limited Input/Purges
- 3. Heavy use of Propaganda

## B. Economic

1. Lack of consumer goods
2. No unemployment
3. No boom/bust cycles
4. Work to meet quotas

## C. Social

1. Famine - 6-8 million in Ukraine
2. Labor Camps and Death squads
3. Optimism
4. Rights of workers, women and children protected
5. Eradicate class differences
6. "*Cult of Stalin*"

## IV. New Constitution (1936)

- A. Rights of Citizens: civil liberties, employment, leisure, health care and security in retirement
- B. Condemned racism
- C. Democracy (though only 1 party)