**Stalin Study notes**

* Polit Burew: comparable with cabinet in Canada
* Leader: Lenin
* Stalin: General Secretary
* Stalin and Bukharin get together: Socialism in one country
* Socialism in one country  ← → Constant revolution
* Voted in favour of Socialism in one county (Stalin and Bukharin)
* Stalin sees Bukharin as competition → Bukharin steps down
* Stalin becomes a dictator
* bannes the russian orthodox religion → Stalin the only one to be warshipped
  + destroyed churches and any religious symbol
  + priests: thrown in jail, buried alive, starved or executed

1917:

* overshadowed by Lenin Stalin waited for opportunity to take over

1924:

* seized power and moved into palace
* modernize Russia by force
* eliminate unemployment
* every worker can take care of their family
* required to be honoured and considered perfect
* quality of life deteriorated
* poverty
* communist stream started to crack

1927:

* Cult of Personality
  + Stalin statues placed all over country
  + Children would sing songs about him
  + Stalin figure became mythical (rarely spoke in public, ordinary person)
* Collectivisation of farms/Ukrainian famine
  + 1932-33
  + Stalin orders all agriculture to be collectified
    - farms taken away by State
    - seen as threat to his ideas as they were free and wealthy
    - takes away livelihood of ⅘ of population
  + Farmers protested burned crops down
    - Stalin stopped food import
    - Farmers we not aloud to leave the burned down places and were forced to starve to death (3 000 000)
    - Stalin confiscates all personal property (impossible to hide anything from police)
  + Message: If anyone stays in Stalin's way, the consequence will be death
* 5 year plans
  + Industrialize
  + small farms sacrificed for the modernization
* Great purges
  + Stalin was paranoid of anyone trying to take over the leader of the nation
  + Show trials: eliminated anyone in a position of power (eg. officers of red Army)
    - Admit crime or execution of family
    - People admitted crimes they did not commit after torture and starvation

1942

* country is calm as many villages are starving
* “no bread on the table, but Stalin on the wall” - survivor
* no way out: Millions of Ukrainians are trapped