How did Stalin come to power and how did he make the USSR into a world power?
What was Russia like after the Russian Civil War?

- Russia was in very bad shape after World War I / the Russian Civil War
  - Cities in ruins
  - Millions of dead (20 million)
  - Country in chaos

- On top of everything, a power struggle is going to start after Lenin’s death in 1924
American troops in Russia?
The Russian Winter of 1924
Who are going to be the Bolsheviks fighting for power?

Leon Trotsky –
- 1879 – 1940
- “The Brains”
- Lenin’s second-in-command during the Russian Revolution
- Commander of the “Red” Army during the civil war
- The USSR’s minister of foreign affairs
  - Got Russia out of World War I
Lenin and Trotsky together at a political rally, 1920
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Joseph Stalin—

- 1878 - 1953
- “The Muscle”

- Help smuggle Lenin back into Russia

- Helped to form Russia’s secret police force
  - Dealt with all those disloyal to the Bolsheviks
Stalin’s Abusive / Difficult Childhood

Stalin at age 23

Stalin at age 16
Stalin the Revolutionary
Lenin and Stalin together, 1922
Lenin’s Body on Display, 1924
Lenin’s Tomb in Red Square
Lenin’s Mummified Body
Preserving Lenin’s Body
Who came out on top in this grab for power?

- **STALIN!!!!**
  - Trotsky is deported from the USSR
    - Later assassinated in Mexico City
  - Stalin begins to set up a “totalitarian state”
  - Government has complete control over every aspect of public / private life
What were some of the features of Stalin’s totalitarian state?

1. An increase in the secret police (NKVD)
   - “Cult of personality”
   - Removing of all rivals to power / influence

2. Religion is outlawed

3. Removal of all those disloyal
   - “The Great Purge”
   - 8 – 12 million people died
Stalin’s “Cult of Personality”
“No Man...No Problem!”

BEFORE

AFTER
Stalin’s “Cult of Personality”
Stalin’s “Cult of Personality”
Stalin’s “Cult of Personality”
“The Great Purge”
The Soviet “gulags”
A massive grave at one of the gulags in Stalin’s Russia, cir 1931
How did Stalin develop the USSR into a world power?

- Stalin wanted to catch up to the US / Europe with rapid industrialization

- Instituted his Five-Year Plan (1928)
  - Build up Russia’s industries
  - Collective farming
  - Build up its military

- The government sets the goals & controls every aspect of worker’s lives
  - “Command Economy”
Collective Farming as a Weapon?

Six million perish in Soviet famine.

Peasants’ crops seized, they and their animals starve.
The Starving of Ukrainian peasants
What was the results of Stalin’s efforts?

- The USSR did make great strides in catching up with the West
  - Increase in food production
  - Electricity production jumps 800% over 10 years
  - 18 million tons of steel produced
- Allowed USSR to become a major world “superpower”
Stalin’s Death