

Stalin's Russia, 1924–41

Key Questions:

Why did Stalin gain power from 1924?

- Lenin's legacy and problems of leadership
- Stalin's position in the Party
- Stalin's relations with Trotsky and other Soviet leaders
- Stalin's control and manipulation within the Party



How was the USSR governed under Stalin?

- Stalin's aims in government and administration
- 'Building socialism in one country'
- Causes and impact of the Great Terror and use of purges and show trials
- Aims and impact of foreign policy

How effective were Stalin's economic policies?

- Stalin's aims for the economy
- The five-year Plans
- Reasons for, and impacts of, collectivisation
- Reasons for, and impacts of, industrialisation

How far did society change because of Stalin's regime?

- Impact of policies towards women and families
- Impact of policies towards non-Russian nationalities
- Impact of economic changes on workers
- Impact of propaganda and the personality cult