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**Advanced Placement European History**

*Unit 7: Chapter 27, Dictatorship and the Second World War Key Terms and Reading Questions:*

Stalin *Study Guide*

**Key Terms:**

Joseph Stalin Gosplan

five-year plans Sergei Kirov

New Economic Policy (NEP) “Old Bolsheviks”

kulak Gulag

**Reading Questions:**

1. Describe the Soviet Union in the 1930s politically.
2. Lenin put down a rebellion led by former Bolshevik sailors at what Russian port city in 1921?
3. What aspects of the Russian economy did not apply to the New Economic Policy? Why not?
4. What two Soviet leaders competed for power after the death of Lenin? Who won and why?
5. Explain the difference between Stalin’s “socialism in one country” theory, and Trotsky’s “permanent revolution” theory.
6. Although the Soviet Union was a “federation” of socialist “republics,” it began to look more and more like a Communist empire built on the imperial holdings of the former Russian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. The objective of Stalin’s five-year plans was for the country to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as quickly as possible, which would be supported by a massive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the nation’s agriculture.
8. What were the results of Stalin’s five-year plans?
9. What was the Soviet policy toward religion?
10. The attempt by Joseph Stalin to purge any potential political threat from 1934-1938 is known as the Great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. In what year did Joseph Stalin die?