



# PODCAST: REAL DICTATORS — JOSEF STALIN

The 20th century was the bloodiest century in human history. The actions of Josef Stalin contributed greatly to the significant death toll and exposed the horrible reality of life under communism. This podcast will provide you with an in-depth overview of Stalin’s rise to power.



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### Instructions

- Search and listen to the podcast by “Real Dictators”:
- Episode: “Josef Stalin Part 2: The Secretary Becomes Dictator.”

1. What was Stalin’s early life like before he became leader of Russia?

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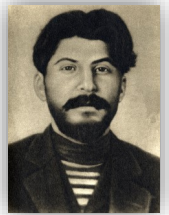
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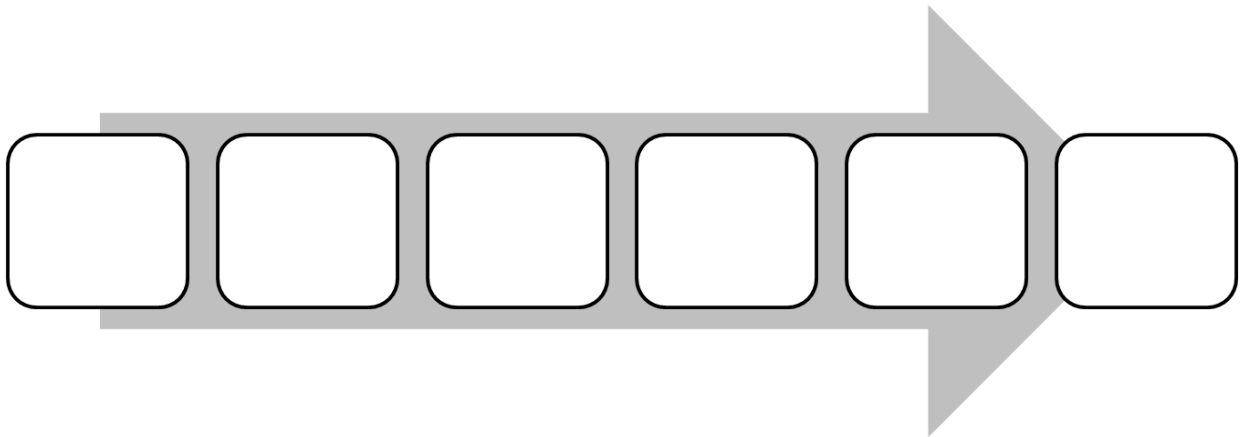
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2. Describe Stalin’s road to power in the flow chart below:



3. Make a list of 2 attributes that best describe Stalin’s character. Provide an example from the podcast to support each.

<b>Attribute:</b>	
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4. What were the steps Stalin took to gain more prominence within Russia and eventually take over as their communist leader?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 4.



5. What were Stalin's "five year plans"? Highlight one of these plans and explain how it impacted Russia.

**Name of the Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:**

6. What did life under communism really mean for the average Russian?

Three horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 6.



Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 6, positioned to the right of the image.

7. How did Stalin hold on to power over for so many years?

Five horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 7.

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