

Review Questions for Chapter 5

1. According to Dr. Jones, how did the Bolsheviks rise to power? How was that rise challenged? How did they secure their position?
2. According to Dr. Jones, how did Stalin rise to power? How did he secure his position? How did his upbringing influence his leadership style?
3. Once in power, he shifted from Lenin's NEP (New Economic Policy) to a new program. What was the focus of Stalin's plan? How, according to Dr. Jones, did this shift "lay the seeds" for Stalin's genocidal policies?
4. What is a *kulak*? How were they defined? How did Stalin's regime deal with them?
5. Once the threat of the *kulaks* was addressed, how did the regime move forward in support of Stalin's economic program? What were the consequences of this shift?
6. What is a *gulag*? What were the purpose of *gulags* in Stalin's Russia?
7. According to Dr. Jones, were the *gulags* used intentionally as a tool to implement genocide? How did the use of *gulags* support Stalin's economic policy?
8. What is the Great Purge? Who was involved? Why was it launched?
9. What were the primary tools used to implement the Great Purge? Why were these so effective?
10. How did Stalin's regime use the "fog of war" to expand their genocidal policies beyond the Soviet borders? Who was targeted? Why?
11. How did Stalin's regime use the "fog of war" to expand their genocidal policies within the Soviet borders? Who was targeted? Why?
12. Was Stalin's methods continued after his death? Why?
13. Was anyone ever blamed or punished for the policies of the 1930s and 1940s? Why?