

Joseph Stalin & the Soviet Union

Central Historical Question:

Should Stalin be known as a hero for transforming Russia into a feared industrial and world power, or a villain for his ruthless use of power?

Notes:

Doc #1 A. O. Avdienko, *The Cult of Stalin, Pravda, Communist Newspaper, 1936*

<p>1. Who wrote this document?</p> <p>2. How does the author treat Stalin?</p> <p>3. Should this source be trusted for an unbiased opinion about Stalin? Why?</p>	<p>4. Should Stalin be known as a Villain ←-----→Hero</p> <p>5. Why?</p>
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Document #2 Speech by Stalin to industrial managers, February, 1931

<p>1. Why did Stalin give this speech?</p>	<p>2. Should Stalin be known as a Villain ←-----→Hero</p> <p>3. Why?</p>
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Document #3 Lenin's Secret Testament on Joseph Stalin, released in 1922

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Document #4 Remark by one of Stalin's Lieutenants on 1933 Famine in Ukraine

<p>1. How might Stalin's Lieutenant have judged Stalin based on the famine?</p>	<p>2. Should Stalin be known as a Villain ←-----→Hero</p> <p>3. Why?</p>
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Document #5 Milovan Djilas, *Conversations With Stalin*

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