

Stalin's Tight Grip

Objective

SW will research and analyze the varied methods that Stalin used to control peoples lives by completing a Jigsaw activity.

Introduction

As we know, Stalin purged any elements of resistance in Soviet society, including killing and working his own people to death. In addition, Stalin sought to control the minds and hearts of Soviet citizens in order to gain even more control. Stalin attempted to do this by tirelessly distributing propaganda, censorship of opposing ideas, imposition of Russian culture on minority groups, and by replacing the Russian religion with Communist ideology.

Directions

Student groups will be assigned one of the topics that are listed below. Each group will research their topic in order to accomplish the objective at the top of the page. Once you have researched your topic, you are to write your information on the corresponding location on the dry erase board. You are required to take notes on the research of other group members, as it will be material on the unit exam.

Topics of Jigsaw Activity

1. Propaganda
2. Censorship in the Arts
3. "Russification"
4. War on Religion