Soviet Union during
THE INTERWAR PERIOD
1917-1938
Parties

The constitutional Democratic Party
Leader - Pavel Milyukov

The Socialists Workers’ Party
Leader - Vladimir Lenin, Georgi Plekhanov

The socialist Revolutionary Party (SRs)
Leader - Alexander Kerensky

The Mensheviks
Leader - Julius Martov

The Bolsheviks
Leader - Vladimir Lenin

Revolutions
Revolutions 1917

The February Revolution

Who:
The Socialist Revolutionary Party, Mensheviks, Liberals, etc...

Aim:
To overthrow the Monarchy and establish a Republic

Result:
End of the Russian Monarchy
the Tsar abdicated on 15 March 1917

Dual Power System

The Provisional Government
(Dominated by the Socialist Revolutionary Party)

The "Soviets"
(Dominated by the Bolsheviks)

The October Revolution

Who:
The Bolsheviks

Aim:
To overthrow the Provisional Government

Result:
End of the Provisional Government
End of the Dual Power System
Life in Lenin’s Russia

- Peace
- The economy
- New laws
- Propaganda
- Dictatorship

Communist state
Civil War (1918-1921)

The Whites
(support Tsar)

VS

The Red Army
(support Lenin)

Red Terror - campaign that meant that anyone who opposed the Bolsheviks was shot.

War Communism - the whole population had to provide supplies for the Red Army
NEP - new economic policy

Temporary retreat from extreme centralization and socialism

Money was reintroduced in 1922

1928-1929 the elimination of private farms

Stalin took charge

The fall of NEP

“The Russia of the NEP will become Socialist Russia” (Lenin)
Who was Stalin?

Iosif Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili was born in 1879

Became "Stalin" in 1913

By 1917 he was an established party member

Lenin’s death affected the country

He started the Lenin myth

He was secretive and paranoid?
Economic control

**Farms**

“Collective farms 2” (kolkhoz)
“Collective farms 2” (sovkhоз)
State Machine Parks

**Factories**

Five-year Plans
Purges and propaganda

“The Terror”
Stalin’s secret police arrested anyone who criticized his policies or his leadership;
from 1935, Stalin sets out to purge (clean out) society;

“The cult of personality”
Stalin as a god
In Stalin’s Russia, people were not allowed to think for themselves – they were told what to think by the government.
Conclusion

Russian Empire
22 October 1721 - 15 March 1917

Russian Republic
14 September 1917 - 7 November 1917

Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR)
7 November 1917 - 30 December 1922

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
30 December 1922 - 25 December 1991
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