

**M A S M U N**

Urgency for Justice



# International Criminal Court

## Topic 3 Brief

## Background

From 1929 until 1953, Joseph Stalin (1878-1953) was the ruler of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The Soviet Union was transformed from a peasant community to an industrial and military superpower under Stalin's leadership. However, he ruled by terror, and millions of his own people died as a result of his atrocities. Stalin was born into poverty and as a young man became involved in revolutionary movements as well as criminal enterprises. Stalin outmaneuvered his competitors for leadership of the party when Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) died. He collectivized farms and had prospective

adversaries executed or deported to forced labor camps once he gained power.

During World War II (1939-1945), Stalin sided with the US and Britain, but after the war, he developed a strained relationship with the US.

## Charges

- Mass starvation
- The Great Purge
- Order No. 227
- Slave labor camps

## Witnesses

*For defense:*

- Vladimir ilyich Lenin
- Lazar Kaganovich

*For prosecution:*

- Leon Trotsky
- Adolf Hitler

\*\*Note that Advocates can choose different witnesses, and can have a maximum of 3 witnesses\*\*

Resources:

- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Joseph-Stalin>
- <https://www.history.com/topics/russia/joseph-stalin>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/joseph-stalin-national-hero-or-cold-blooded-murderer/zhv747h>

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