**Rise of Stalin Reading Worksheet**

Using the information provided on the web page below, answer the following questions:

[The rise of Stalin - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-stalin-reading/)

1. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1953?
2. In which year was Joseph Stalin born?
3. What profession did Stalin's father have?
4. Which illness did Stalin contract as a child that left scars on his face?
5. Where did Stalin's mother want him to study to become a priest?
6. Which political party did Stalin join in 1903?
7. Who was the main leader of the Bolsheviks that Stalin met and was influenced by?
8. How many times was Stalin arrested for revolutionary activities against the Tsarist regime before the Russian Revolution?
9. In which two months of 1917 did the two stages of the Russian Revolution occur?
10. Who led the Bolshevik Party during the Russian Revolution of 1917?
11. What was the main goal of socialism in terms of industry ownership?
12. What was the main consequence of the Russian Revolution within Russia?
13. What major event in Soviet leadership occurred in 1924?
14. What was the main purpose of Stalin's 'dekulakisation' program?
15. Which major Bolshevik leader was exiled by Stalin in 1929?
16. What global economic event began in America in 1929 and impacted the Soviet Union?
17. What was the main purpose of the Great Purge initiated by Stalin in the late 1930s?
18. What was the 'Gulag'?
19. Despite ideological differences, what pact did the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany sign in August 1939?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What impacts did Stalin’s rule have on Russia?*