

## Five Year Plans

### Background

The Five Year Plans are prime examples of a command economy.

Stalin had two primary goals in the Five Year Plans.

First, Stalin wanted to develop heavy industry. The Soviet Union needed to industrialize to defend itself from abroad.

Projects to develop hydro-electricity, coal, aluminum, and modern weaponry were top concerns of the central planning agency of the Communist Party.

Second, Stalin wanted to develop an ideologically pure form of Marxist economics.

He hated the New Economic Policy, and the Kulaks who were allowed to rise above the other peasants thanks to limited free enterprise.

Under the policy of collectivization, all agricultural land became the sole property of the state.

All agricultural products went to the consumer, and all "profits" went to the Communist Party. At this point the Communist Party would then invest its "profits" into the development of heavy industry.

Needless to say, the Kulaks were not big fans of the Five Year Plans!

### Assignment

At the end of this task, you should be an expert on the following . . .

- A) 1<sup>st</sup> Five Year Plan (Pg. 38 – 39)
- B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Five Year Plan (pg. 39 – 40)

*1<sup>st</sup> Five Year Plan*

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<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Keywords</i>

*2<sup>nd</sup> Five Year Plan*

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