**JOSEPH STALIN: THE REAL HISTORY**

**VIDEO WORKSHEET**

**Directions:** answer the following questions as you watch the documentary.

Part 1

1. How did Stalin like to see himself?
2. What kind of ruler was Stalin?
3. Describe Stalin’s “reign of terror”?
4. Surprisingly, even the people Stalin had oppressed wept for him when he died in 1953, why? What image did he portray?
5. What was the myth of Stalin and children? What other dictator portrayed the same image?

Part 2: Casting off Religion (10 min)

1. Stalin had the Soviet people burn religious icons. What replaced them?
2. What was the “New Faith”, what did the “New Red God” (Stalin) blow up and build?
3. What did the propaganda display about the friendship of Lenin and Stalin?
4. In a movie it seemed as if Stalin and Lenin prepared the revolution together when in fact what did Stalin do that night?
5. Did Stalin ever play a part in the revolution?
6. When was Stalin’s 1st appearance as a communist leader?
7. How did Lenin see Stalin?
8. What request did Lenin heirs ignore?

Skip Part 3

Part 4 (30 mins)

1. Give two examples of how Stalin controlled the Arts in the Soviet Union?
2. What image of the Soviet Union did the film “Volga Volga” show to the world?
3. What were the Soviet Gulags?
4. What happens in June of 1941?
5. Despite the threat of Germany, what do the Soviet people do? Who was missing?

Part 5 (40 mins)

1. Describe Stalin’s security system.
2. What was Stalin really afraid of?
3. When did Stalin die?
4. What did Khrushchev say about Stalin several years later?
5. How many people had Stalin sent to their deaths?