

Summary Sheet

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History Fair Summary Sheet

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Title: *Stalin, The Red Tsar*

☆ This Project Uses the 2015 National History Day theme “Leadership and Legacy in (Chicago/Illinois) History.”

This Project is a ☆ **Website**

Thesis: Stalin’s decades long rule over the soviet union, specifically his actions in Eastern Europe after World War 2 profoundly impacted the Cold War and, in turn, global history for years to come.

Summary: The main period we’re focusing on in our project is post World War 2 1945 - 1953. During this time, Stalin was extremely aggressive in ensuring that his country’s power and land would continue to expand, spreading soviet influence into Eastern Europe and replacing their own governments with “puppet governments” controlled by the Soviet State. This expanse and thirst for power only added to the growing fear of communism in America, and deteriorating relations between the Soviets and the US for decades to come.

3. Our subject relates to Leadership and Legacy in numerous ways. We’re analyzing the leadership, policies, and decision in power of Joseph Stalin, and the legacy/affect his decisions left behind.

4. Process:

- A. The historical question we started out with was ,“**How did Stalin’s rule affect the relations between the Soviet and U.S., the Cold War and global history?**” Eventually, this question evolved around the impact of global economy, society, and political brawls.
- B. Sources used as evidence include ,of course, primary and secondary sources, but more specifically, articles online, websites, and an autobiography describing the time of Stalin’s reign.
- C. The autobiography by Andrew R. MacAndrew described vividly, what it was like living in the time Stalin was in power. Due to this autobiography, we had a much more clearer “picture” to base our project off of. The autobiography provided a different view

on the subject as how it impacted the social view instead of just a economical view or political.

- D.** To delve more into our topic, we visited the following libraries. Unfortunately, we could not visit a museum or anything grand. Libraries include: Canaryville Public Library, Richard M. Daley Library, and Harold Washington Library.