**EQ: How did Stalin get control of the USSR 1929-1941?**

There are six different ways that Stalin got control of the USSR:

1. He made people afraid to go against him
2. He improved living conditions
3. He controlled the mass media and used propaganda, creating a “cult of personality”.
4. He controlled education
5. He controlled the economy
6. He eliminated all potential sources of opposition

Read the statements below

* In the first column categorize Stalin’s actions according to the methods above (A-F). Some actions may have 2 methods of control.
* In the second column draw a carrot or a stick to show what approach you think the action suggests.
  + Carrot= an incentive, a reward
  + Stick= a punishment

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| Stalin’s Actions | Method of Control | Carrot or Stick? |
| 1. The history of the USSR was rewritten to make Lenin and Stalin the heroes of the story. |  |  |
| 2. Kulaks (rich peasants) were arrested and sent by the thousand to labor camps or were forced to live on poor-quality land. By 1934 there were no kulaks. |  |  |
| 3.To escape the hard work and discipline, some workers tried to move to other jobs, so the secret police introduced internal passports which prevented free movement of workers inside the USSR. |  |  |
| 4. Soviet people were deluged with portraits and photographs of Stalin. |  |  |
| 5. All music and other arts were carefully monitored by the NKVD (secret police). Poets and playwrights praised Stalin either directly or indirectly. Composers wrote music praising Stalin and all that he had achieved. |  |  |
| 6. In 1913 a number of former Mensheviks were put on trial on charges that were obviously made up. |  |  |
| 7. The First Five Year plan (1928-1933) set targets for industry and although many of the targets were not met the achievements were still staggering. |  |  |
| 8. Textbooks were changed. Disgraced party leaders removed (literally pasted over to eliminate even the memory of those who had been arrested.) |  |  |
| 9. Unemployment was virtually non-existent. |  |  |
| 10. A new law in 1935 allowed the NKVD to deal harshly with youth  crime. Death sentences were introduced even for young criminals. Parents could be fined if their children caused trouble. The children could be taken to orphanages and their parents forced to pay their upkeep. |  |  |
| 11. School children were expected to join the ‘young pioneers’. |  |  |
| 12. In 1936 Stalin created a new constitution for the USSR. It gave freedom of speech and free elections to the Russian people. However, only communist party candidates were allowed to stand in elections. |  |  |
| 13. The First Five Year Plan showed that there was a shortage of workers so women were drafted into industries. Thousands of new creches and day care centers opened so women could work. |  |  |
| 14. Most towns had statues of Stalin and streets named after him. |  |  |
| 15. The armed forces were purged- 18 of the 103 generals and admirals were executed, including the supreme commander of the Red Army, Marshal Tukhachevsky. Approximately 25,000 army officers were removed ( around one in five). |  |  |
| 16. Only approved magazines and newspapers could be published. |  |  |
| 17. Workers were constantly bombarded with propaganda, posters, slogans and radio broadcasts. |  |  |
| 18. The communist party was purged - about a third of its 3 million members were killed. |  |  |
| 19. Religious worship was banned. Many churches were closed, priests deported, and church buildings pulled down. By 1939 only one in 40 churches were holding regular services and only seven bishops were active in the USSR. |  |  |
| 20. By 1937 an estimated 18 million people had been transported to labour camps. Ten million died. |  |  |
| 21. Workers had strict targets and were fined if they did not meet them. Lateness or absences were punished by sacking, and that often meant losing your flat or house as well. |  |  |
| 22. Education became free and compulsory for all and Stalin invested huge sums in training schemes based in colleges and in the workplace. |  |  |
| 23. In central Asia Islam was repressed. Many Muslim leaders were imprisoned or deported. Mosques were closed and pilgrimages to Mecca were forbidden. |  |  |

The main way that Stalin got control of the USSR was…….

Overall, I think he used the (Carrot or Stick) approach most because….