Please answer each question with a short analytical essay. A short essay is **approximately 2 to 4 paragraphs**. You must support your conclusions with information pulled from the documentary to properly answer each question. The essay must be typed on a word-processor, on white paper, font 11 pt Arial or similar, 1 inch margins, name/ date/reading/class as the top header.

Please type the question and then the answer to the question. Please number your questions. Do not double-space your answers.

Questions:

1. Describe Stalin’s childhood and the Russia of Stalin’s childhood. How does the biography portray his childhood?

2. Compare and contrast how Westerners and the western “media” thought of Stalin and how his wife thought of him?

3. How can Stalin’s actions prior to and during the early months of World War II be seen as naïve and hasty? How can they be interpreted as shrewd and clever?

4. Describe how Stalin used terror and propaganda to control the “Russian” population? Stalin’s son explains Stalin’s cruelty by stating that for his father “The state was the most important thing with his life.” Can Stalin’s actions be defended in this manner?

5. Based on information drawn from the video, what, your opinion, is Stalin’s greatest accomplishment (his legacy)? How do you think history books will view him 1000 years from now?