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Stalin promoted his own followers - Kaganovich, Mikoyan, Sergo, Kirov…

Stalin was General Secretary - power over all appointments, promotions and demotions

Stalin was careful to keep his own policy ideas vague during the battle for power

Stalin tricked Trotsky into not attending Lenin's funeral

Stalin used the party apparatus to remove his remaining rivals - Bukharin and Rykov

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Stalin had offended Lenin with his handling of the 'Georgian Question'

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Marx argued that power should be shared, not concentrated in the hands of one person

Marx said there would be a centralisation of power before the state 'withered away'

Lenin's 'Testament' was kept a secret and its recommendations were ignored

Marx did not provide clear guidance on the correct path towards socialism

Lenin's 'Testament' suggested that Bukharin had not studied Marx properly

Lenin's 'Testament' recommended that Stalin be replaced as General Secretary

Lenin's 'Testament' described Bukharin as 'the most able theorist in the party'

Lenin's 'Testament' made criticisms of all the other leaders in the party

Lenin's 'Testament' criticised Trotsky for 'excessive self-assurance'

Lenin's 'Testament' did not name a successor but called for a 'collective leadership'

Lenin's 'Testament' criticised Kamenev / Zinoviev for not supporting the 1917 Revolution

Lenin referred to Stalin as 'that wonderful Georgian'

Economically, the party was divided between the policies of War Communism and NEP

Lenin refused to make it clear whether NEP was introduced on principle or by necessity

Lenin was seriously ill for the last three years of his life

Lenin had banned internal party debate in 1922 to hide the divisions created by the NEP

Kamenev was the Chairman of the Moscow Soviet