

History

Lesson 1 of an enquiry of 30 lessons.

# **Grand Alliance- 1941- 1945: Why were they unlikely allies?**

**Enquiry:**How did early tensions develop between the Soviet Union and the United States between 1941- 1947?

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# The Grand Alliance

During World War Two the leaders of the Soviet Union, USA and Britain formed an alliance to fight against the Nazis.

Joseph  
Stalin-  
Leader of  
the Soviet  
Union

Winston  
Churchill-  
Leader of the  
United  
Kingdom

Franklin D  
Roosevelt-  
Leader of the  
United States



## Capitalism

## Communism

### Voting

There are several political parties and different sections of society to elect those parties through democratic elections to represent their wishes..

Communist governments came about not through an election. There is a one party state where one political party rules the country without open and free elections. The most powerful people in society decide who should lead the country not the majority.

### Society

There are extremes of poverty and wealth. You can work your way to wealth but some people are born into wealth.

In theory everybody is equal and given an equal share. There are no social classes.

### Industry/ Business

People can buy their own land and business and gather as much wealth as possible.

The government owns all of the businesses and their work contributes to the government's efforts. They take the profits from these businesses. The Communist government can make people do work in locations and jobs that they want their workers to do..

### Rights

Individual rights are set out by governments, therefore by the chosen elected power. You may disagree with policies if you voted for a different party. This would mean that your rights and wishes may not be well represented.

Human rights are limited; travel is limited. If people disagreed with government the Communist regime could, and at times did, physically force people to accept their rules.

### Media/ Press

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press would theoretically be in place.

Censorship and state-controlled media are in place. The government control what you read and watch.



# Glossary

**Communism** - a system of government in which all businesses and property are owned by the people and the government take the profits from that. All people are theoretically equal and work for profit rather than the state taking those profits.

**Capitalism** - A system of government in which private property and business ownership is the normal s

**Democracy** - A system of government in which the government is chosen by the majority of people, usually in an open and fair election

**Autocracy** - A system of government in which one person has absolute power.

**Industry** - The economic work and activity of a country.

**Ideology** -A shared set of beliefs/way of thinking.

