

Activity:

Khrushchev: Early Career



Timeline

Use the timeline to answer these questions.

1. Highlight what you consider to be the 10 most important events on this list. Be prepared to explain the significance of your choices.
2. What 5 words would you use to describe Khrushchev from what you have learned about him so far? Explain your choices.
3. Imagine you are a Hollywood director making a blockbuster film about the rise of Khrushchev. Produce a cinema poster complete with the name of the film, a cast list, some reviews and (most importantly) 5 captioned

scenes from the film which highlight what you think are the 5 most important events in his career to 1953.

1894	Born, the son of a coalminer. Works as a shepherd in his youth.
1918	Joins the Russian communist party
1919	Becomes political commissar in the Red Army and fought in the campaigns against the Whites and the Poles.
1924	Went into party work in Donbass after completing his secondary education at a Rabfak
1924-29	Rises rapidly through the ranks as a result of his organisational abilities
1929-31	Khrushchev studied in the Moscow Industrial Academy, where he also served as a secretary of party committee
1931-34	Works for Moscow party organisations
1934-38	Serves as first secretary of the Moscow city committee
1934-66	Serves as a full member of the Central Committee
1935	Proves his worth by masterminding the construction of the Moscow subway
1938-52	Serves in the Politburo
1939-49	Becomes first secretary of the Ukraine
1941	Helps evacuate Soviet industry from the Ukraine following Operation Barbarossa
1942	Joins the Red Army
1943	Made Lieutenant General
1944-46	Chairs national government as chairman of the Council of People's Commissars
1946-49	Chairs Council of Ministers. Oversees a mass purge of officials in the Ukraine.
1949-53	Serves as first secretary of the Moscow city party and a secretary of the Central Committee
1951	Proposes the creation of "Agrogorods" - "Agro-Towns" in the countryside.
1952-64	Joins the party presidium upon its creation by Stalin
1953-64	Upon death of Stalin, he replaces Malenkov as First Secretary of the Central Committee