



Gulag

Why was the Gulag system created? To what extent did it meet political interests, to what extent economic interests?

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Using forced labour to build the economy of the state – free labour, using people in the interest of the state. How the Soviet Union used prisoners of the Gulag as free labour to build economy of the state.




Gulag concentration camp, winter.

Learning outcomes

16-19 years

Students will

 45 - 60 minutes

- Learn the Soviet Union's policies using the Gulag camp system as an example.
- Learn how the state used prisoners for free labor in building up the country's economy.