

# Character Cards

Each character is marked with asterisks\* to show the size of the part. The more asterisks, the bigger the part.

## Josef Stalin\*\*\*\*\*

General Secretary of the USSR

You are 67 years old and have been leader of the Soviet Union for 23 years. Your country was overrun by the Nazis in 1941, but they have been defeated by the heroism and military tactics of the Red Army and by the harsh Russian climate.

20 million Russians, including women and children, have died and thousands of acres of Russian territory have been devastated. You want revenge. You intend to use eastern Europe as a buffer state between you and the West. You have started stripping Germany of its industry, plant and natural resources to help rebuild Russia.

You are an intimidating, ruthless individual and a brilliant negotiator. Stalin is the biggest part in this script; he needs to be played by the person with the biggest personality or the loudest voice!

**Costume:** Military style jacket and smart trousers.

## Vyachevslav Molotov\*\*\*\*

You are 55 years old and a committed Communist. You took part in the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 and have been a loyal supporter of Stalin ever since. You are Deputy Chairman of the Communist Party. Stalin is Chairman.

You signed the Nazi Soviet Pact in 1939 but when the Nazis invaded in 1941, you flew to Britain and America to negotiate alliances with both countries. You were desperate to distract the Nazis away from the U.S.S.R. by getting them to open a second front, however, they did not launch the D Day Landings until 1944. You are bitterly resentful of this.

Although you are wartime allies, you don't trust the capitalist British and Americans. You know they want Communism to fail.

You have attended all the high level talks between the Big Three including: Teheran in 1943 and Yalta and Potsdam in 1945. You are a tough negotiator and fiercely protective of Soviet interests.

You are in charge of developing a Soviet atomic bomb, but the Americans beat you to it.

**Costume:** business style suit

## Russian Interpreter\*\*\*

You are a bilingual translator. In real life, a translator would translate exactly what the politicians had said and would never make comments of their own. Stalin was a terrifying man, capable of assassinating anyone who crossed him, so a real Russian translator would have been particularly careful.

For the purposes of this script, your character says all sorts of things they would never have said in real life, because it helps to explain events from the Russian point of view.

**Costume:** Smart jacket

**Props:** A chair for the Yalta photograph.

**You are not a real historical character**

## American Interpreter\*\*

You are a bilingual translator. In real life, a translator would translate exactly what the politicians had said and would never make comments of their own.

For the purposes of this script, your character says all sorts of things they would never have said in real life, because it helps to explain events from the American point of view.

**Costume:** Smart jacket, shirt and tie.

**Props:** A chair for the Yalta photograph.

**You are not a real historical character**