Sino Soviet Split Starter Questions

IB History

**Instructions:**

*As you listen to the five excerpts from the words of Mao Zedong on the Soviet Union, take bullet notes on what you hear. Try to isolate Mao’s tone and word choice and see if you can find where the relationship soured. The below prompts/questions should be helpful.*

1. Before Mao rose to power, what was his view of Stalin and his influence on the Chinese Communist party?
2. How does he describe the relationship between the USSR and China?
3. After Stalin’s death in 1953, how does Mao’s view begin to shift? What were some of the ways that Stalin was *wrong*?
4. What are Mao’s criticisms of Khrushchev?
5. How is Khrushchev characterized in 1964? How does it match with the criticisms that Mao is laying on the USSR and her leadership?