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The top of the world league table of gold production, January 1938

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Questions

1. Where did the USSR come in terms of gold production compared to other countries in 1937?
2. What position was it in 1931?
3. What is the percentage increase of the USSR's gold production between 1931 and 1937?
4. How do you think the USSR increased its production of gold?
5. What conclusions about the success of the Five Year Plans can you draw from this source?



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WORLD GOLD PRODUCTION.
(In Thousands of Fine Ounces.)

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	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
Union of South Africa,	10,878	11,559	11,014	10,480	10,774	11,336	11,738
U.S.S.R.,	1,750	1,950	2,650	3,800	4,500	5,400	6,000
Canada,	2,694	3,044	2,949	2,972	3,285	3,748	4,055
United States,	2,214	2,219	2,277	2,742	3,163	3,714	4,020
Australia,	595	714	830	887	915	1,170	1,366
Mexico,	623	584	638	661	682	754	840
Southern Rhodesia,	532	574	642	691	726	797	804
Philippines,	182	230	280	349	446	599	720
Japan,	401	402	441	487	573	677	700
Gold Coast,	262	279	306	326	359	428	558
Korea,	290	312	370	400	473	521	550
Colombia,	194	248	298	344	329	389	445
Congo,	215	255	283	337	376	384	395
India,	330	330	336	322	326	333	331
Chile,	21	38	147	238	266	257	317