



The Rise of Dictators

Chapter 11 Section 1

USH Honors

Mussolini and Fascism

- **Which leader was one of the first dictators? Benito Mussolini**
 - **Mussolini established the totalitarian regime in Italy.**
 - **1919, Mussolini pushed war veterans to fight the politicians...starting Fascism.**
 - **Fascists: strong dictator = national greatness = empire**





- **Mussolini was anticommunist and wanted Italy to be a great world power:**
 - **Promised to return Italy to the glory of the Roman Empire.**
 - **1921: Fascist party gained 35 parliament seats.**
 - **1922: Mussolini threatened to march on Rome...protecting Rome from Communism!**
 - **King Victor Emmanuel III appointed Mussolini premier of Italy (Prime Minister)**
- **How did Mussolini respond to his leadership role?**
 - **Mussolini called himself "Il Duce" which means "the Chief"**

Stalin takes over the Soviet Union

- **1922: Vladimir Lenin created the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)**
 - **One party rule (no opposition)**
 - **Suppression of individual liberties**
 - **Punishment of opponents**
- **Lenin died in 1924, leaving a power vacuum!**
 - **Lenin wanted Leon Trotsky to lead the party**
 - **Stalin orchestrated a "coup" to completely take power!**





- **Who is Joseph Stalin?**
 - **Son of a shoemaker who studied to become a priest**
 - **Began to read Marxist literature in college**
 - **He worked against the monarchy**
 - **Played a role (small role) in the 1917 revolutions**
 - **Stalin rises through the Bolshevik party ranks**
- **1926: Stalin has complete control!**
 - **Five Year Plans: created industry through "collectives"**
 - **20 million people died under his rule: famines or punishment**
 - **Called for a worldwide takeover by the USSR**

Hitler and Nazi Germany

- **How did Hitler's childhood shape his life?**
 - **Son of Alois and Klara Heidler (~18 years age difference between parents).**
 - **Dad was emotionally harsh – did not approve of Hitler's interest in fine arts!**
 - **Became detached from family after brother's death.**
 - **1903: father died suddenly**
 - **1905: mother allowed Hitler to drop out of school**
 - **Rejected by Academy of Fine Arts – TWICE!**





- **Did Hitler serve in WWI?**
 - **YES! Served mostly away from the front**
 - **Wounded at the Battle of the Somme (gas)**
 - **End of WWI, Hitler became a drifter.**
 - **Eventually hired to be a spy for the German Army**
- **Who did he spy on? NSDAP (future Nazi Party)**
 - **The National Socialist German Workers Party**
 - **One of the leaders of the Beer Hall Putsch.**
 - **Prison: wrote *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle)**

Mein Kampf

Eine Abrechnung

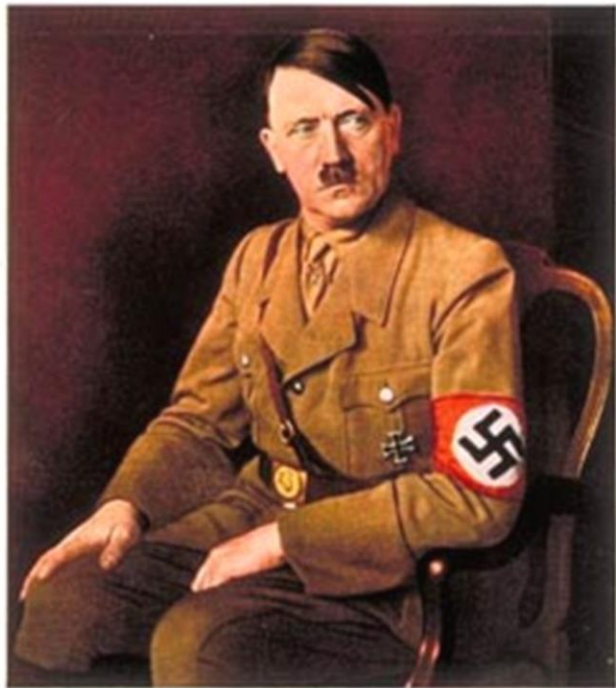
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Adolf Hitler

- **What is in Mein Kampf?**
 - **Advocated for the aryan "master" race (German ideal of blond hair/blue eyes)**
 - **Hatred of the Slavic peoples (Eastern Europeans)**
 - **Blamed the Jewish people for the problems of the world...Anti-Semitism.**
 - **Nazism was based on extreme nationalism!**

TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE



HITLER
Spring 1938.
(World War)

- **Followed a power path similar to Mussolini...**
 - **Determined to get the party elected to the Reichstag (lower house of German Parliament)**
 - **Germany turned to radical parties during the Depression...Nazis and Communists!**
 - **1932: Nazis were the largest party in the Reichstag!**
 - **Hitler was appointed chancellor of Germany (like a prime minister)**
 - **Storm Troopers began to intimidate opponents**
 - **1934: Hitler declared himself "president" calling himself "Der Fuhrer"**
- **1938: Hitler was named Time Magazine "Man of the Year"**

Militarists Control Japan

- **What about Japan?**
 - **Japan also experienced the Depression**
 - **Japanese problems were blamed on “corrupt politicians” (really it was a combination of problems)**
 - **Japanese people wanted to dominate East Asia!**





Military Control

- **Military leaders insisted that taking land was the only way out of depression**
- **September 1931: Japan invaded Manchuria (breaking Treaty of Versailles)**
- **October 1931: Emperor Hirohito ordered troops withdrawn – Tojo refused!**
- **Tojo has taken control of the government!**
- **“Rape of Nanking” (1937): Japan invaded Nanking (Nanjing) – killed 300,000 residents**
- **1941: Tojo took complete control as Prime Minister of Japan**