Rise of Dictators

After WWI Around the World
Emergence of A New Leader

- A certain type of leader emerged all over the world *in between* WWI and WWII:

**Totalitarian Leader**

- **AKA** “DICTATOR”
- **Characteristics:**
  - Agreed with people’s anger
  - Promised return to greatness!
  - People were willing to give up basic freedoms in return for the hope of future glory
  - They had absolute and centralized control over all aspects of life
Adolf Hitler - Germany

Benito Mussolini - Italy

Francisco Franco - Spain

Josef Stalin - Soviet Union

Hideki Tojo - Japan
1. Spain

- **Name:** Fransisco Franco
- **Country:** Spain
- **Steps He Took to Become the Leader:**
  - Became a General of Spanish Army
  - 1930s - Spain goes into Civil War
  - 1936 - General Franco rebelled against the Spanish government and formed a coup [takeover] of the government.
  - 1939 - Became Spain’s Fascist dictator
  - Lives Forever!
1. Spain

- **Steps He Took that Led to WWII:**
  - None.
  - Spain stayed neutral during WWII.
1. Japan

- **Name:** Hideki Tojo
- **Country:** Japan
- **Steps He Took to Become the Leader:**
  - Became a War General
  - He was a Strong Nationalist
  - Oct 1941 - He became Prime Minister and eventually took control of the country.
1. Japan

Steps He Took that Led to WWII:
1. 1930s - Rise in Japanese Nationalism
   - Japan is a great imperial power
2. 1931 - Invaded Manchuria [Chinese Province]
3. 1934 - They expanded their naval forces
4. 1937 - Invaded China
5. Rape of Nanking
   - 200,000 to 300,000 Chinese were massacred in China’s capital
6. 1940 - Japan joined the Axis Powers
RAPE OF NANKING
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Why is war always the backdrop for such horrible atrocities, such as the Holocaust and the Rape of Nanking?
3. Italy

- Name: Benito Mussolini
- Country: Italy
- Steps He Took to Become the Leader:
  1. Founded the National Fascist Party
  2. Won a seat in the Parliament
  3. 1922 - Became the leader of Italy and becomes a dictator
  4. Started a Fascist State
What is Fascism?

• **Fascism** - A system of government that stresses the glory of the state.
  - “Everything in the State, nothing outside the State, nothing against the State.” - Benito
  - The rights and concerns for the people were not important

• What is the most important thing in a Fascist state?
  - The State! DUH!
3. Italy

Steps He Took that Led to WWII:
• 1935 - Invaded Ethiopia.
• 1936 - Hitler and Mussolini became “friends”
RUSSIA

Dictator
4. Russia

- **Name:** Josef Stalin
- **Country:** S.U.
- **Steps He Took to Become the Leader:**
  - 1903 – Joined the Bolsheviks
  - 1924 – Stalin replaces Lenin when he died.
  - By 1929 – He formed a powerful dictatorship
    - Violently and ruthlessly killed anyone who opposed him
    - He dominated every aspect of life in the Soviet Union
    - Goes down as one of the most notorious totalitarian dictators in the history of the world.
Steps He Took that Led to WWII:

- He didn’t want to start a war!!!
- 1939 – Germans and Soviets sign the “Non-Aggression Pact”
  - Did this to stay OUT of the war!
GERMANY

Dictator
5. Germany

- Name: **Adolf Hitler**
- Country: Germany
- **Steps He Took to Become the Leader:**
  1. Joined a small political party of National Socialist, NAZIS
  2. 1923 - Tried to seize power of the government
     - Revolt failed
     - Went to jail for 9 months
  3. *Mein Kampf*, My Struggle
  4. 1933 - Nazis were the most powerful party in the nation and Hitler became Chancellor
  5. He eventually became a totalitarian dictator
Steps He Took that Led to WWII:

- 1933 - Hitler leaves the League of Nations
- 1935 - Hitler begins military buildup
- 1936 - Hitler invades the Rhineland
- 1938 - Germany invades Austria
  - “Anschluss,” forced union with Austria
- 1938 - Germany gains Sudetenland, region of Czechoslovakia
How Did the Rest of the World React to This Rise in Totalitarian Leaders?

They practiced the policy of Appeasement
What is Appeasement?

- **Appeasement** → A policy where one yields to the aggressive demands of (a nation, group, person, etc.) in order to keep peace.

- **Examples:**
  - A Bully at school
Hitler

England & France

I will APPEASE you, as long as you don't hurt me again!
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Appeasement Worksheet

- **Objective:** This will help you understand what Appeasement is and how it played out in WWII.
- Read the reading thoroughly.
- Then answer the questions to the reading on a separate sheet of paper.
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Spark
What was the Spark that started WWII?

- **Answer**: Hitler and S.U. invaded Poland
- **When**: September 1, 1939
- This was the last straw for England and France.
- They declared war on Germany.
- WWII started!
WWII Starts!