

# MAIN CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II

- 1. Treaty of Versailles**
- 2. Weimar Republic**
- 3. Great Depression**
- 4. Lost Faith in Democracies to solve problems**
- 5. League of Nation's use of Appeasement**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF DICTATORS

Large Militaries

Propaganda

State > Individual Total Control

Anti-Democratic

Censorship

Extreme Nationalism

Secret

Police

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Increase popularity through Imperialism

# 1922 “March on Rome”

□ becomes Prime Minister

## 1925 Il Duce

- establishes **FASCISM**
- re-establish “**Roman Empire**”
- used “**Blackshirts**” to **intimidate**
- “Believe, Obey, Fight”
- 14 kids = medal
- educate youth
  - “**Sons of the Wolf**”
- “Survival of the Fittest”

### **FASCISM**

**Fascism appeals to middle and upper classes**

**Fascism promises to preserve social order and private property**

# **BENITO MUSSOLINI’S FASCIST ITALY**

# JOSEPH STALIN'S COMMUNIST RUSSIA

## 1924 Lenin died

- before dying, warned against promoting Stalin
- power struggle between Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin

## 1928 Stalin becomes Dictator of USSR

### “5 Year Plan”

- modernize USSR
  - Industry and Infrastructure

## COMMUNISM

- Communism appeals to workers
- Communism promises equality through shared property

**STALIN'S  
COMMUNIST  
GOVERNMENT  
CONTROLS  
“EVERYTHING”**

# JOSEPH STALIN'S COMMUNIST RUSSIA

## **“Collectives”**

- Farms under gov't control
  - Lenin allowed peasants land
- Peasants revolted

## **1929 Stalin sent “Kulaks” to Gulags**

## **Peasants continued to revolt**

- Stalin took all grain
- 1932 “Terror Famine”
  - 10 million died/killed

# JOSEPH STALIN'S COMMUNIST RUSSIA

## 1934 “Great Purge”

- purged enemies

## “Comintern”

- promoted revolution
- Opposed to capitalism

## “Red Scare”

- fear of spread of Communism

# FRANCISCO FRANCO'S SPAIN

1931-39

## Spanish Civil War

☐ **Francisco Franco**, “El Caudillo”,

led the “Nationalists against Spain’s democratic government

☐ Hitler and Mussolini joined Franco

- Sent soldiers and supplies

- “Experiment of Power”

- **Ernest Hemingway**

  - *“For Whom the Bell Tolls”*

- **Pablo Picasso**

  - *Guernica*

# Japan – Empire of the Rising Sun



**Hirohito – Emperor (1926)**



viewed as a god / “Dove”



**Hideki Tojo – Minister of War**



“**War Hawks**” gaining power



expand/strengthen Japan



make Japan self-sufficient



growing population strained


resources



# Japan – Empire of the Rising Sun

 **President Harding** trying to protect U.S. “**Open Door Policy**” in Asia

 1922 **Five Power Treaty**

 prevent an “**Arms Race**”

 Limit number of warships

 5:5:3

 Japan allowed fewer ships

 1922 **Nine Power Treaty**

 protect “**Open Door**” policy with **China**

# Japan – Empire of the Rising Sun

 1924


## U.S. Congress passes “National Origins Act”

 reduced number of immigrants allowed into U.S.

 strict limits put on Japanese

 **Issei** – foreign born Japanese

 **Nisei** – children of Issei born in U.S.

 California was main area of “anti-Asian” feeling

 competing for jobs...Asians willing to work for less

 Japanese felt insulted...viewed as inferior

 headline in “Japan Times and Mail” called the law  
a “Declaration of War”

# Japan – Empire of the Rising Sun



**1931 Japan invaded Manchuria**



**1933 Japan withdraws from League of Nations**



**7.7.1937 Japan attacked China**



**beginning of WWII in Asia**



**Marco Polo Bridge Incident**



Japan “claimed” they were fired on by Chinese troops ...Japan used as an excuse to invade

# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

## TREATY OF VERSAILLES

### Germany's Punishment:

- lost all colonial territory
- military reduced
- could not produce any war material
- no troops in **Rhineland**
- pay **Reparations**
- War Guilt Clause**
- Sudetenland** given to Czechoslovakia
- Anschluss** forbidden

# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

## Adolf Hitler

- fought for Germany in WWI
- **“Iron Cross”**
- 1919 joined **Nazi Party**
- 1921 leader of Nazi Party
- promised to correct Germany’s problems

- *“Blame Game”*

- Weimar Republic**

- ❖ **“Stabbed in the Back”**

- Jews**

# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

## Beer Hall Putsch (1923)

- **Nazis** attempt to overthrow the Weimar government
  - ❑ **failed, but “win-win” for Hitler**
    - ❑ **“press coverage”**
    - ❑ **“Flag of Martyrs” (Blood Flag)**
- Hitler thrown into jail...served 9 months
  - ❑ wrote **“Mein Kampf”** (Nazi bible)
    - ❑ political ideas and plans for Germany’s future
      - ❑ **discussed hatred of Jews / Communists**
      - ❑ **blamed Germany’s problems on Weimar Republic**
      - ❑ **Aryan Race**
      - ❑ **Lebensraum**

# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

**1924** Nazis had 32 seats in the Reichstag

**1924** **Dawes Plan** provided economic help to Germany

**1928** Nazis had 12 seats in the Reichstag

**“Black Tuesday”** (10/29/1929)

- Great Depression**
- strengthened Hitler/Nazis**

**1933** **Nazi Party** is largest political party in the Reichstag

- 288 seats in the Reichstag
- 1933 -- Hitler appointed Chancellor**

# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

## Reichstag Fire (2/27/1933)

- exploited people's fears of Communist takeover
- Communists held 201 seats in Reichstag
  - 1000's arrested and sent to Dachau
- Germany put under "**Martial Law**"

## Enabling Acts (3/23/1933)

- gave Hitler power to make any law necessary to protect Germany
- **symbolic beginning of dictatorship**
  - "**SS**" – motto – "My honor is called loyalty"
    - *Hitler's "Praetorian Guard"*
- **Gestapo**



# Rise of ADOLF HITLER

## Night of Long Knives (6/30/1934)

□ purged Nazi opponents

- 8/2/1934 President Von Hindenburg dies...Hitler takes control
- **“Der Fuhrer”** — “Today Germany, Tomorrow the World”
- Third Reich
- 8/19/1934 90% approval in plebescite vote
- **“Hitler Youth” (HJ)**
- **“Triumph of the Will”**
  - Nazi Propaganda
  - 1934 Nuremberg Rally

**1938 Time Magazine’s “Man of the Year”**