

Causes of the Second World War

The Rise of Totalitarianism (Pg. 120)

- 1) What caused the rise of powerful dictatorships during the 1930s?
- 2) Define . . . totalitarianism.
- 3) Describe the conditions within a totalitarian state.
- 4) What countries adopted totalitarianism after the First World War?

Stalin's Soviet Union (Pg. 120)

- 5) When did the Communist Party take control of Russia?
- 6) Describe developments within the Soviet Union during the leadership of Joseph Stalin.

Mussolini's Italy (Pg. 121)

- 7) Who established the Fascist Party in Italy?
- 8) Compare the government established by Benito Mussolini with the communist regime of Joseph Stalin in the Soviet Union.
- 9) What nickname was given to Mussolini?

Fascist Germany (Pg. 121 – 122)

- 10) Describe the conditions in the Weimar Republic before the rise of Adolf Hitler.
- 11) Describe the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party.
- 12) What nickname was given to Hitler?
- 13) Describe the actions taken by Hitler as leader of Nazi Germany.
- 14) Describe the concept of the "master race."
- 15) Describe the actions taken against non-Aryans and Jews in Nazi Germany.

Fascist Spain (Pg. 123)

- 16) Describe the Spanish Civil War.
- 17) Describe the actions taken by some Canadians in the Spanish Civil War.
- 18) Describe the leadership of General Francisco Franco in Spain.

Totalitarianism in Japan (Pg. 123)

- 19) Create a Venn Diagram comparing totalitarianism in Japan with the fascist and communist regimes in Europe.

Causes of the Second World War (Pg. 124)

- 20) What factors led to the Second World War?

Hitler's Imperialistic Ambition (Pg. 124 - 125)

- 21) Describe the foreign policy goals of Nazi Germany under the leadership of Hitler.
- 22) Describe the specific foreign policy actions taken by Nazi Germany.
- 23) Describe and explain the policy of appeasement.
- 24) Describe the Munich Agreement.
- 25) What action taken by Nazi Germany proved its imperialism, and stopped the policy of appeasement.
- 26) Explain why Nazi Germany (Hitler) signed a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union (Stalin.)
- 27) Describe the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact.
- 28) Describe the immediate cause of the Second World War in September 1939.

Failure of the League of Nations (Pg. 125 - 126)

- 29) The League of Nations failed to apply the concept of collective security during the inter-war period, and thus it encouraged the ambitions of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Describe two critical failures that weakened the influence of the League of Nations.