The Rise of Dictators

The 1930s brought new dictators to power: Mussolini and Hitler.

Dictators increased the industries and the military strength of the Soviet Union. By the 1930s, the Soviet Union was a major world power.

You have read about Lenin and Stalin in the novel. People believed that dictators could solve their problems. Some nations were angry about the Treaty of Versailles. People began to want strong leaders. In other nations, millions of people did not have jobs, homes, or enough food. Italy, Germany, and other nations were angry about the Treaty of Versailles. People believed that dictators could solve their problems.

Europe had many problems after World War I. The war had cost nations millions of dollars. Millions of people died.
During World War I, Italy had fought with the Allies against Germany. Like many European nations, Italy was left with problems after the war. 

Adolf Hitler

In 1929 the Great Depression began in the United States. A depression is a time when business went bad. Millions of people lost their jobs and all of their money. This terrible depression soon spread to many parts of the world and other businesses closed. Millions of people became very poor. A depression can last many years.

In 1932 Benito Mussolini became Italy’s dictator. Mussolini wanted to conquer new land for Italy. Some people were killed. 

Mussolini believed that Mussolini could help Italy. He helped Italy become a great empire. People in Italy called Mussolini ‘Il Duce’ (The Leader). He promised to help Italy become a great power. Mussolini helped Italy to solve their problems. Mussolini helped the Italians get more land from the Treaty of Versailles. They called it a man named Beijing.

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other people in the world. He also strongly hated Hitler believed that Germans were better than all

concentration camps

Hitler Many people were sent to prisons called 
Hitler's people were sent to places called 
people who spoke out or wrote against the ideas of 
were no freedom of speech, secret police arrested 
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newspapers, radios, literature, music, and art. These 
these newspapers, radios, literature, music, and art. These 
controlled all activities in Germany. They controlled 
no freedom of all in Germany. The Nazis controlled 
Hitler as their nation's dictator. Soon there was 
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he had complete power. The Nazis worked to keep 
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Hitler Germany

Many German people wanted Hitler and the Nazis to 
Hitler's ideas. He made people feel very proud to be 
Germany's Nationalism grew stronger in Germany 
many Germans liked 
and make new jobs. He said that he would help Germany 
many Germans liked
conquer and rule the world. Many Germans liked 
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Adolf Hitler. He said that he would help Germany 
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many German people. 
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very unhappy, Hitler was the leader of a group of
Adolf Hitler. He said that he would help Germany 
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of Versailles for their many problems. They wanted 
of Versailles for their many problems. They wanted 
Poor. The Germans blamed the Allies and the Treaty 
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not have jobs. People did not have money to buy
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Nazi soldiers

Secret police arrested many

Hitler often spoke to thousands of his soldiers to encourage
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Hitei Tojo: Hito Tojo

Hitler to stop Japan. 

conquered part of China. The League of Nations did not do anything to stop Japan. In 1931, the Japanese army attacked and conquered Manchuria. Many Japanese troops became very powerful. Japan became a military power.

Hirohito, the Emperor of Japan, wanted Japan to become a military power. He wanted Japan to conquer other nations in Asia. These nations would give Japan many raw materials and money.

Their jobs. Farmers could not sell their crops. Many people lost their jobs. Businesses in Japan closed. Many people lost their jobs.

Japanese people were also affected. People in other countries did not have the Japanese people's goods. Many factories and businesses in Japan closed.

The depression had begun in 1929. Hitler was the leader of Germany at that time. He wanted to make Germany strong again. He planned to make Germany strong again.

Hitler said that he would not obey the Treaty of Versailles. Hitler knew that most Germans were angry about the Treaty of Versailles. The Germans wanted to have their land back. They wanted to rule all of Europe. The Treaty of Versailles was unfair to the Germans.

Hitler knew that Jews were a threat to Germany. Many Jews worked in banks, factories, and other places. Hitler wanted to get rid of the Jews.

Hitler created concentration camps. Many Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Many Jews were murdered. The Nazis killed many Jews and burned Jewish homes.

Many Jews were forced to work in hospitals, banks, or other places. The Nazis said that Jews were no longer citizens. Jews were no longer allowed to vote.
would not keep peace. They began to prepare for war.

The Axis powers continued to gain strength. They

Hilfer from wanting to conquer other nations.

Then Hiler would gain this agreement. He

would not try to take over the rest of Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia, Great Britain and France were

ready for Germany to conquer Europe. That year

Japan invaded China in 1937. The same year Japan

By engaging the Axis powers, Japan built strong armies.
5. Japan decided that it could solve its problems by conquering land in

4. Hitler said that Jews were no longer German

3. Hitler knew that the people of Germany were angry about the Treaty of

2. Mussolini's soldiers conquered

1. After World War I, many nations needed

Ethiopia citizens money Asia Versailles

sentence. Write the word on the correct blank line.

Finish up Choose the word in dark print that best completes each

Read and Remember

passage. That tells at least three ways these dictators were alike.

Hilter and Mussolini were very powerful dictators in Europe. Write a

Journal Writing

Go to questions called

3. The Nazis forced many people to


3. Great Depression

2. concentration camps

1. Axis powers

Group A

Write the letter of each correct answer on the blank line.

Group B

Finish the sentences in Group A with words from Group B.

Using Vocabulary
Who Am I? Read each sentence. Then look at the words in dark print for the name of the person who might have said it. Write on the blank after each sentence the name of the person you choose.

1. "I was the first dictator in Russia after the revolution of 1917." Joseph Stalin

2. "As dictator of Italy, I prepared the nation for war." Benito Mussolini

3. "I was one of the Japanese military leaders who led Japan to attack China in the 1930s." Hideki Tojo

4. "After Lenin died, I helped the Soviet Union increase its industries and become a world power." Vladimir Lenin

5. "I was the German dictator who led the Nazis to conquer Austria and Czechoslovakia." Adolf Hitler

Think and Apply

Categories: Read the words in each group. Decide how they are alike. Find the best title for each group from the words in dark print. Write the title on the line above each group.

Japan

Great Depression

Dictators

Nazis

1. Hitler

Mussolini

Stalin

kept Hitler in power

arrested Jews

controlled newspapers

2. Asian nation military leaders attacked China

hurt nations all over the world

millions of people lost money

factories and banks closed