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Conservative Authoritarianism

Radical Totalitarian Dictatorships

 #x. Read the sections above. No questions.

From Lenin to Stalin

#3. What was the purpose of Lenin's New Economic Policy? How did Stalin emerge as the leader of Soviet Russia after Lenin's death?

The Five Year Plans

#4. What were the economic goals of Stain's five year plans? How Successful was Stalin in reaching those goals? What were the costs?

Life and Culture in Soviet Society

#5. What were the social and political goals of Stalin's five year plans? What was life like for average Soviet citizens?

Stalinist Terror and the Great Purges

#6. Identify the Great Purges? What were their purposes and the consequences? How did they change leadership in the Soviet Union?

Pages 955-957
Seizure of Power

* What elements of liberalism existed in Italy before World War I?
* What evidence is mentioned of conservatism?
* What evidence is mentioned that Italy was a nation divided?
* How did WWI disappoint various Italians?
* How did the Russian Revolution further these divisions?
* What in Mussolini’s background suggests why he understood the power of the media?
* What were the earliest demands of the Fascists?
* Why did Mussolini move away from Socialism?
* How did the Black Shirts intimidate rivals?
* How did Mussolini seize power in October 1922?

Regime in Action

* How did Fascists come to dominate parliament?
* How did Mussolini gain greater influence over the state?
* What limits existed to Mussolini’s power and influence?
* What was the Lateran Agreement?
* How did Mussolini’s rule affect women?

Read pages 957-961 and answer the questions below. Like the Mussolini questions, it looks like a lot, but they're pretty straight forward.

Roots of Nazism

* What city gave Hitler many of his antisemitic and nationalist ideas?
* What else did he learn from Karl Lueger?
* What forces did he see working against Germany?
* Who did he blame for Germany's loss in WWI?
* What enemies did he identify while leading the German Worker's party?

Hitler's Road to Power

* What did he learn from his failed attempt at taking over the government of Germany in 1923?
* What book did he write while in prison? What themes did he cover?
* What was the full name of the Nazi Party?
* How did he appeal to the Middle-Class?
* How much of the vote did the Nazis get in 1928?
* How did the Great Depression broaden the appeal of the Nazi Party?
* How did the political crises of the 1930's create opportunities for Hitler and the Nazis?
* Why was Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany in 1933?

Nazi State and Society

* How did Hitler use the fire at the Reichstag for his own ends?
* What was the Enabling Act?
* In what ways did the Nazi's seek to influence economic life?
* How did they influence intellectual life?
* What did Hitler do to the leaders of the Brown Shirts? Why?
* Who were the SS?
* How did the Nuremberg Laws affect Germany's Jewish population?
* What was Kristallnacht?

Pages 961-966

Hitler’s Popularity

* How did Hitler fight the Great Depression in Germany?
* What evidence suggested this was successful?
* What happened to opponents of the Nazi Party?

Aggression and Appeasement

* What were the main goals of the Nazi Party?
* Which direction did Hitler intend to expand towards?
* How did Hitler first defy the Treaty of Versailles? What other violations took place?
* What is Appeasement?
* Why did no country move to stop Hitler’s actions in the mid 30’s?
* What did many Europeans identify as biggest threat to Europe?
* How did Hitler gain Mussolini’s support?
* Who did Italy support in the Spanish Civil War?
* What were Hitler’s first expansionist moves?
* What was the response of European nations to the annexation of Austria, Sudetenland, and Czechoslovakia?
* How did the British respond to Hitler’s threats towards Poland?
* What were the terms of the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression pact?
* When did the Germans invade Poland?
* How did Britain and France respond?

Read the sections on the war to be familiar with it, but it isn’t as important to our story as the stuff above.