Rise of Fascism: Outcomes covered by this activity

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2.2 Students will be expected to draw upon primary and/or secondary sources to demonstrate an understanding of the Great Depression and the emergence and nature of fascism in Italy and Germany, including the following delineations:


(k)

2.2.2 Analyze each basic element of fascism: (a)

• extreme nationalism
• dictatorship
• economic self-sufficiency
• military strength and war

2.2.3 Assess how each of the following played an important role in Mussolini’s rise to power in Italy: (i)

• economic difficulties
• weakness of coalition governments
• industrialist fears of socialism and communism

2.2.4 Examine how each of the following posed a problem for the Weimar Republic and contributed to Hitler’s rise to power: (a)

• Treaty of Versailles
• economic difficulties
• fear of communism by the middle class and business leaders

2.2.7 Describe two domestic policies introduced by Mussolini and two introduced by Hitler to establish totalitarian states. (k)

• Mussolini
  - abolition of all political parties except the Fascist Party
  - censorship of the press

• Hitler
  - abolition of all political parties except the Nazi Party
  - establishment of a secret police force (Gestapo) to purge government opposition

2.2.8 Analyze Nazi policies toward Jews, gypsies, communists, homosexuals and religious minorities. (a)

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2. Summarize the central beliefs of the fascists.

3. What factors led to the rise of fascism in Italy?
4. Summarize the threats to the Weimar Republic in Germany.

5. What factors led to the rise of fascism in Germany?
6. What role do you believe various crises played in the rise to power of extremist parties in Russia, Germany and Italy?

7. What were some methods used by Mussolini to strengthen his hold on power in Italy?

8. How did the Emergency decree and the Enabling Act (Law) prepare the way for a totalitarian state in Germany?
9. What measures did Hitler take to tighten his grip on Germany?

10. How did the Nazis persecute the Jews and other marginalized citizens of Germany?

11. What were the results of Nazi economic policies in Germany?
12. Why do you think Hitler had German children join Nazi organizations?

13. Do you think Hitler and Mussolini were more alike or different? Explain why.
14. Was the rise of fascist parties to power in Italy and Germany inevitable? Explain why or why not.