



UNIT 4- THE SECOND WORLD WAR

DAY 1



THE RISE OF DICITATORS

***“POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT, AND
ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.
GREAT MEN ARE ALMOST ALWAYS BAD MEN.”***

- LORD ACTON

OBJECTIVES

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 - Appeasement

REMIND ME...

- What was America's economy like during the 30s?
- What were some of the changes FDR instituted?
- Why would people support some of those things that seem like government encroachment?
- Remember that, as we judge other countries, that we, too, gave up some "liberty" for other things...

VERSAILLES OF RELIEF

- *Remember that silly little “war to end all wars”?*
- *Who won?*
- *What were the conditions for the “losers”?*
- *See, the Treaty of Versailles, in many ways, set the world up for failure... especially financially.*

COMPLICATED INFLATIONSHIPS

- As a result of high debt from WWI, many countries in Europe experienced high inflation
 - A general increase in price
 - *Decrease in the purchasing power of money*
- *This was especially true in Germany where “hyperinflation” destroyed the economy*
- *People were buying a loaf of bread with a wheelbarrow full of money*
- *And thus, people wanted something, ANYTHING that was better...*



FLEX YOUR MUSSOLINI

- In Italy, the people elected **Benito Mussolini**
- A journalist originally
- Democratically elected
- Mussolini slowly became a dictator
 - Leader with total power
 - Unelected / Uses force to stay in power
- Mussolini also promoted the idea of fascism
- **Was in power for over 20 years!**





WARNING



FASCISM

ITALIAN FASC-ION

- **Fascism**
 - Radical Nationalism
 - Dictatorial rule
 - Suppression of opposition (*with force*)
 - Leader controls industry



HITLER BABY, ONE MORE TIME

- *Meanwhile, as earlier discussed, Germany was especially hard-hit economically*
- *They, too, looked for a leader that could “regain their glory”*
 - Adolf Hitler
 - Career politician / powerful speaker
 - Also democratically elected
 - Very quickly suppressed democracy
 - Focused on inflation, unemployment, and anger over **Treaty of Versailles**
 - **Becomes** Chairman of the Nazi Party
 - 1936 Forms alliance with Mussolini
(Germany with Italy)





Adolf Hitler

Mein Kampf

Eher Verlag

NAZISM

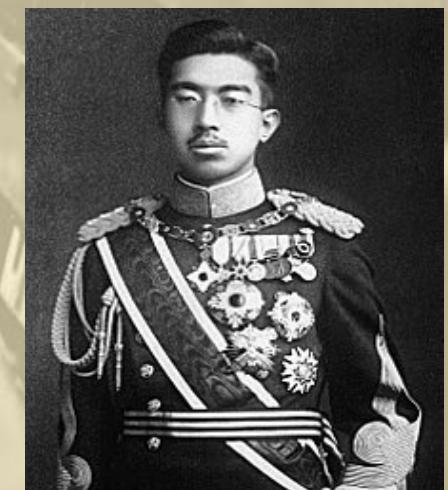
- **“The National Socialist German Workers’ Party”**
 - *Although we will learn why they weren’t truly Socialists, and why Communists hated them*
- **German superiority**
- **Anti-Semitic (*anti-Jewish*)**
- **Germany has a *right* to expand, and have a military**





JAPANDEMONIUM

- *Of course, economic woes aren't the only reason countries go to war*
- **Remember “Nationalism” and “Militarism”?**
 - *What do they mean?*
- In the Far East, many Japanese felt they had a right to China and nearby countries and resources
- **Saw themselves as racially superior**
- **Their Emperor, Hirohito, agreed**
 - *Began a major build up of military*
 - *Promoted the idea of Japanese control of the entire Pacific*
 - **NOT elected (“Emperor”)**

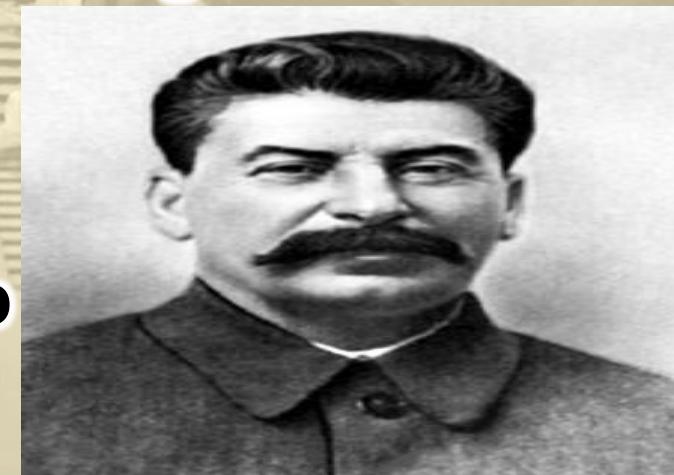


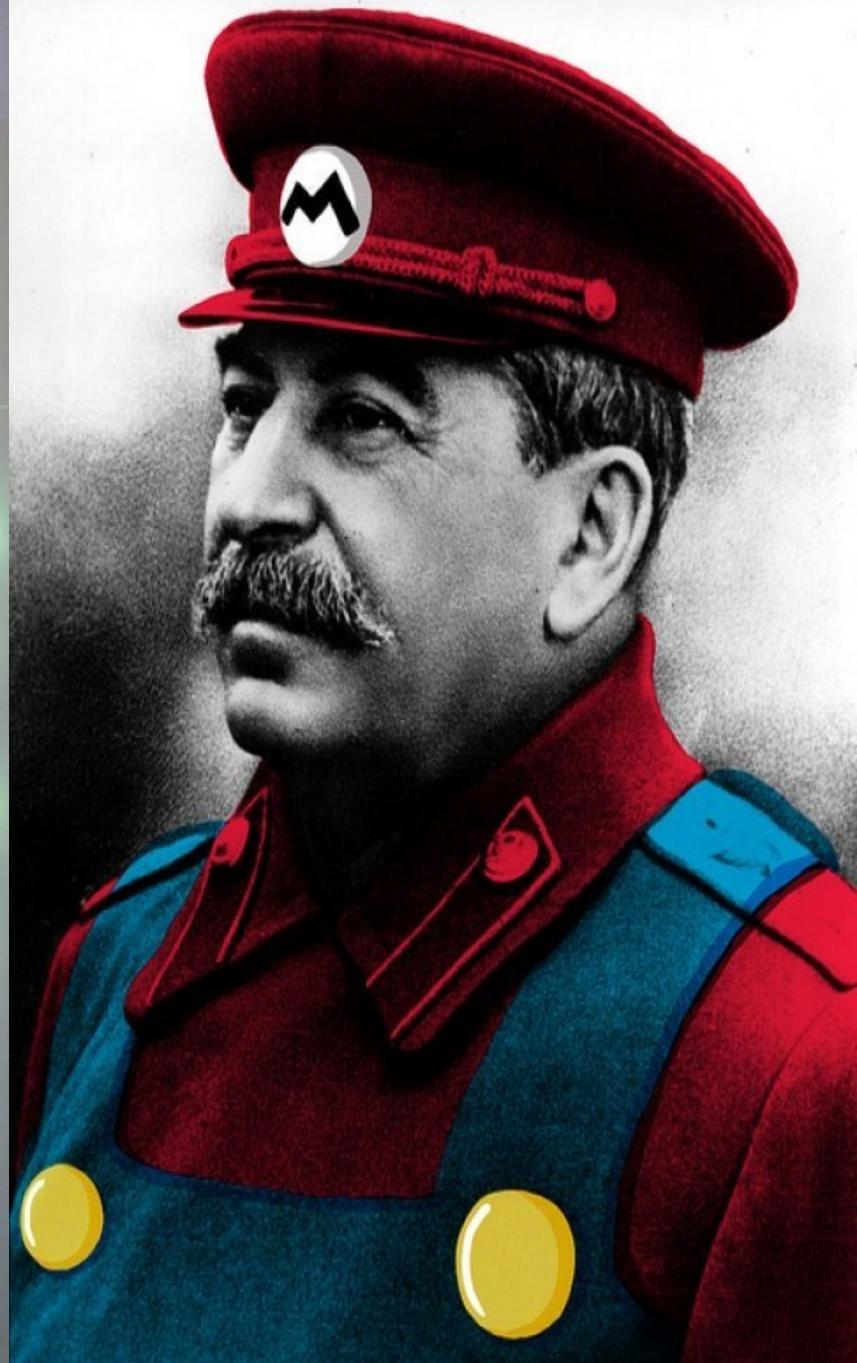


“The Japanese People have been chosen for this one purpose – to control the Pacific from the Americas to Australia. This is why we exist. ”

BACK IN THE U.S.S.R.

- Finally, it's important to study a country that would wind up on *both* sides in WWII – The Soviet Union
- *While Lenin had made them Communist, his successor, Joseph Stalin became a dictatorial leader*
 - Chosen by the Communist Party **to succeed**
 - Rapid agricultural and industrial growth
 - **“Cult of Personality”**
 - Eliminate religion, limit artistic expression, and use extreme censorship
 - **Murders millions more Russians than WWII will!**





APPEASE AND THANK YOU

- *Finally, it's important to note that there always exists those who would abuse power, or harm others*
- *Part of what made this time period so damaging is that, for most of these actions*
 - *Hitler rebuilding military, Stalin purging the peasants, Mussolini invading Africa, Japan attacking naval vessels - the world largely ignored or allowed them.*
- **WHY?**

APPEASE AND THANK YOU

- **Appeasement**
 - Conceding to aggression
 - Avoiding confrontation
- **Why might this be so bad?**
- **What could it lead to?**
- **The irony, is that many who were willing to do almost anything or allow anything to avoid war, ultimately helped cause one...**

CAUSES OF WWII

- While, like all wars, there are **MANY** factors, the primary ones for WWII will be:
 - 1) Fascism
 - 2) Appeasement
 - 3) Treaty of Versailles
 - 4) Expansionism
 - 5) Nazism
 - 6) Depression
- *That's right, it spells "Fat End" ☺*

AND SO...

- *The Great Depression hit the world with such force that many nations were forced to find ways to economically survive*
- *Some chose invasion, others extreme nationalism, and others socialism, but nearly all learned the hard lesson that in a choice between liberty and bread, most people choose bread.*
- *It would be almost comical, if it weren't real.*

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