

FASCISM IN ITALY and GERMANY

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Background of Hard Times

- Russian Revolution (1917)
- WWI (1918)
 - People that were angered by hard times and peace treaties were in favor of fascism
 - People wanted extreme form of nationalism
- **Treaty of Versailles: “Make the Germans Cry” (1919)**
- **The Grand Depression (1929 - Mid 1930s)**
 - Germany experienced extreme financial hardship
- **Stalinist aftermath (1953)**
 - War put peoples hopes of victory in disappointment
 - People were confused with modernity (cities, factories, etc.) and blamed minority, especially Jews
 - People sought for more dramatic solutions
 - ✓ Rejected representative government
 - ✓ Loss of faith in Democratic Government

Fascism Chart



Benito Mussolini Rise

- Failure at Peace Conference (1919)
- **Fasci di Combattimento** (fighting units)
- Social unrest
- Decreasing economy of Italy (Post War economy)
- Uprising - “Black Shirts”
- Support of middle class, aristocracy and industrial leaders.

Mussolini Rule

- Appointed by King Victor Emmanuel III “legally”
- Abolished democracy
- Government censorship
- Secret police
- Totalitarian fascist regime

Mussolini (1925 -1943)



Rise of Hitler

- Weimar Republic and Germany has economic crisis
- Mussolini's success
- World wide depression
- Extreme nationalism
 - Dreams of renewal in Germany
- People viewed Hitler as country only hope
- Known as Third Reich under Fascist Rule
 - First Reich : Medieval Holy roman Empire (1806)
 - Second Reich: German Empire (1871-1918)

Rule of Hitler - Führer (leader)

- Right-wing political group
- Brand of fascism known as Nazism
- Private Militia - “Brown Shirts - Storm troopers”
- **Mein Kumpf** - Book (my struggle)
 - Hitler's Goal as Ruler
- Germans supported Hitler because of fear of collapsed economy
 - Civil unrest without Hitler
- President Paul Von Hindenburg named Hitler legally chancellor
- Totalitarian State
- Nazi Secret Police - Gestapo - SS Unit
- Propaganda
- Ant-Semitism

Hitler



SS Unit

