

World War II
Comparing Totalitarian Dictators

Topic Summary:

WWII devastated much of Europe and Asia, as the Allies, including Britain, France, the U.S. & the Soviet Union fought to stop the expansionist Axis powers of Germany, Italy, and Japan. Initially providing only aid to Britain, an isolationist American public was finally drawn into war with the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. The nation mobilized its military and industrial resources to wage war in Europe and the Pacific, achieving victory and world leadership.

Group Task:

ON CHART PAPER-NICE AND BIG SO EVERYONE CAN READ!!

1. Identify your dictator: Benito Mussolini (Italy), Adolf Hitler (Germany), Joseph Stalin (Russia), Hideki Tojo (Japan)
2. List facts about your dictator: how did he rise to power? What are his accomplishments? How does he rule? How does he maintain power and authority?
3. Explain in detail his political ideology (fascism, communism, Nazism, militarism)
4. Explain in detail his plan for expansion and how it relates to WWII
5. Answer the following question:
How did postwar conditions contribute to the rise of dictators in Europe and Asia?
6. Present your dictator to the class.
7. Classmates will take notes in graphic organizer while you teach.
8. Have fun!!

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<u>Adolf Hitler- Nazism</u>	<u>Benito Mussolini-Fascism</u>
<u>Joseph Stalin- Communism</u>	<u>Hideki Tojo- Militarism</u>

