**Fascism, Totalitarian in Europe**

**HEIMLAR’S HISTORY**

**1.How did Benito Mussolini define fascism?**

A political philosophy that emphasizes obedience to an authoritarian leader, and which leverages all the resources of the state to fulfill the leader’s ambition.

**2.Why was fascism so attractive to Europeans in the interwar years?**

**Post WW1 bitterness**

* many European societies divided along class lines, the working classes grew in power while middle class power and influence declined because of the suffering of consumer industries.
* gender divisions too, women replaced men during the war in industries and were expected to go back home after the war

**Rise of Communism**

Communism represented a fearful situation (it scared people).

**Economic Instability**

The impact of the Great Depression meant mass unemployment and inflation out of control. So when strong leaders styled themselves as saviors from these conditions and put the blame onto other groups (e.g. Jews).

**3.When did Mussolini because Primer Minister of Italy?**

1922 – he was subsequently granted dictatorial powers

**4.What tactics did Mussolini’s totalitarian regime utilize?**

i)Modern technology and propaganda to spread his message that fascism was the answer to the political and economic instability of the post-war world.

ii)Use of secret police known as the blackshirts.

**5.What parts of Italy never came under his control?**

Armed forces, monarchy.

**6.What was the name of the post-war government that could not address the economic problems facing Germany?**

The Weimar Government

**7.What party did Adolf Hitler gain control of by the early 1920s?**

National Socialist German Workers’ Party- known as the Nazi Party for short.

**8.What was Joseph Goebbels’ role in Nazi Germany?**

Propaganda minister.

**9.Who organized the concentration camps?**

Henrich Himmler.

**10.What group took control of Spain in 1936 and who did they represent?**

A group of leftists called the Popular Front who represented the workers and Communists.

**11.Which group opposed this organization, who led it?**

The army, led by General Francisco Franco.

**12.What happened in Spain as a result?**

Spanish Civil War.

**13.Which other leaders supported Franco?**

Hitler and Mussolini.

**14.Who rose to power in the Soviet Union after the death of Lenin?**

Joseph Stalin.

**15.What was the name of the Soviet forced labour camps where Stalin sent over 1 million political prisoners?**

Gulags.

**16.What was the goal of Stalin’s Five-Year Plans?**

To rapidly modernize or industrialize the USSR.

**17.When people, such as Leon Trotsky, began to criticize Stalin after the failure of the first five year plan to improve the economy, what did he carry out?**

The Great Purge -removal of all Stalin’s enemies from the State.

**18.Who carried out the arrest, torture and killing of his opponents?**

The Secret Police.

**19.What did the collectivization of land from the richer peasants called Kulaks, involve?**

Land was taken from landowners and placed under the authority of the state.

**20.What happened in Ukraine?**

Great Famine (Holodomor) of 6-7million deaths.

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