**The Great Depression and World War II**

The violence of World War I was only a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to greater violence to come as improvements in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made more deadly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ possible. In this unit, you will learn how the prosperity of the 1920s was followed by the Great Depression and the rise of totalitarian dictators in Europe. These dictators deliberately launched \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the greatest explosion of violence the world has ever seen, in an attempt to establish global domination.

The war was fought on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oceans and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ continents. As many as 70 million people lost their lives in the horrendous conflict before the dictators were finally defeated. World War II resulted in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bomb, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Africa and Asia.

**The World in Prosperity and Depression**

Europe in 1919 differed in many significant ways from before World War I. The former imperial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Ottoman Turkey were gone. New states such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and the Baltic states had emerged. Russia was in the midst of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reconstruction and Prosperity**

The first years after the war were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ones. Peoples in Central Europe suffered from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caused by a wartime blockade of foodstuffs. Returning soldiers faced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ epidemic in 1919 killed as many people as the war itself. Farms, cities, and railroad lines had been torn up in the fighting. Europeans spent the next five years rebuilding and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the war.

Based on the Treaty of Versailles, Germans had to make huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ payments for the war to France and Britain, slowing German economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Germany printed extra money to pay the debt, triggering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Workers were known to collect their wages in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then spend them immediately.

The United States emerged from the war as the world’s greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power. During the war, Britain and France had purchased war goods from the United States on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Now they were deeply in debt. Americans faced a brief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the war ended, but American consumers soon began buying mass-produced goods made in American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One of the most important factors promoting American prosperity was the invention of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cars first came into widespread use in the United States and Europe after the war. When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ produced its 10th million Model T in 1924, nine out of every 10 cars in the entire world were Fords.

Consumers in both America and Europe also benefitted from new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appliances like the vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, and toaster. They went to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and listened to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the first time. Americans invested some of their wealth overseas, especially in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. American prosperity spread to Europe by the late 1920s. As Europeans began once again buying goods from their colonies, prosperity spread further to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The 1920s also saw the expression of new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, partly as an outcome of the war. Women had worked in place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the war, and now received the right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States, Great Britain, and other countries. They enjoyed greater freedom than ever before. More women also pursued a higher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Fragile new democracies were also emerging in the 1920s, like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Germany. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parties came to power in several countries for the very first time.

**The Great Depression**

* In 1929, the bubble burst. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ market crash in New York started a chain reaction that sent the world economy into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A depression is an economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which large numbers of businesses fail and workers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The prices of stocks started \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and nothing could hold them up, so people scrambled to sell. People who lost money in the stock market stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. American banks and investors recalled their loans from Europe, and the depression quickly spread \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As many as 40 million people were soon unemployed in the United States, Germany, Japan, and other industrialized countries. Farmers in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America could no longer sell their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What factors caused the Great Depression?**

* Economists point to several reasons why the Great Depression occurred. Part of the prosperity was due to stock market and real estate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Investors borrowed money to invest in order to make a quick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Another problem was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At first, there was a great demand for new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but soon production of consumer products became greater than people had money available to buy. The interrelationship of loans and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Europe and America ensured that the recession would quickly spread.
* Most government leaders reacted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, tightened \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and cut off international \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This only served to make the recession \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, people had no safety net, such as unemployment insurance or social security, if they lost their jobs and savings. In the United States, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was elected President in November 1932. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan attempted to put many people to work in public works projects.

**The Rise of Fascism**

* Fascism refers to a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system that appeared in Europe in the disturbed conditions after World War I. The term is taken from the political party formed by Benito \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Italy, but it is used by historians to identify similar systems such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Germany. Most varieties of European fascism shared the following characteristics:

**Main Characteristics of European Fascism:**

* **Nationalism**

Fascists were extreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who believed that the highest value was the nation. They took this belief to extremes, claiming that their nation was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to others. Fascists were also strongly opposed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **All-Powerful Leaders**

Fascists believed that a single all-powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, like Mussolini or Hitler, could best represent the national will and lead the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **Unity of all Social Classes**

Fascists felt a single national party should unite all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They also believed that the strong had a natural right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the weak. They opposed worker unions and strikes.

* **Extreme Militarism**

Fascists used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defeat their political opponents and prepared to use war for national expansion. Fascists saw war as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience.

**The Roots of Fascism**

Several earlier currents of European thought – such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – had helped prepare the way for the rise of fascism:

* **Anti-Semitism.**

Hatred of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or anti-Semitism, was common among some Europeans. Jews frequently faced prejudice and persecution. Their unique beliefs and customs made them easy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in times of social unrest and economic difficulty. This was especially true in the late 1800s, when Jews were blamed by many for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caused by the rapid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Europe.

* **Racism**

This is a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for people of other races. European racism was strengthened by the experiences of overseas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and by the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **Social Darwinism**

Racism and anti-Semitism were made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by applying Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution to human society. Social Darwinists believed that all human groups competed for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that stronger groups had the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to succeed over weaker groups, who deserved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out.

**The Old Order Collapses**

* Old Europe had been shaken to its core by World War I. Immense \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes had taken place – new countries had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and old ruling families had lost their former \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Often, the people running the government in the new European democracies were unaccustomed to holding political power
* **Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II** was forced out when the war was lost. The new German democratic republic, known as the **Weimar Republic**, was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many landowners , industrialists, military leaders, and professionals opposed it. They would have preferred to give all political power to a single \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than to entrust it to the common people. They feared that German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ might follow the example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Russia. They also blamed the leaders of the Weimar Republic for accepting the Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **U.S.S.R.** The Soviet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had demonstrated how to build a **totalitarian state**, controlling all aspects of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When Lenin died in 1924, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** succeeded him as leader of the Soviet Union. Stalin quickly moved to eliminate other rivals in a series of “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**,” accusing them of disloyalty to Communist ideals. Once in power, Stalin set about making changes in Soviet society and establishing a totalitarian state. Opponents were sent to icy **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Siberia. Stalin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Ukraine into submission in 1928 to pursue his collectivization of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many Europeans feared that Communism would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This fear led some in Europe to support extremist anti-Communist leaders like Mussolini and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Italy. Following World War I, Communists were making inroads in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government. The growing “Red Menace” frightened Italian industrialists, landlords, and other property holders. Italians were tired of constant strikes and riots and were ready to submit to a strong leader. Fear of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the desire for national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were exploited by a new political group, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, led by **Benito Mussolini**, a former socialist. Mussolini copied many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices while denouncing their ideas.
* Like the Bolsheviks, Mussolini had a party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a party organization, and a private \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of party members known as the “**Black Shirts**.” Members pledged absolute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to their leader. In 1922, Mussolini took power after the Fascist “March on Rome.” He passed laws controlling the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; unions were abolished; strikes were outlawed. New organizations were supposed to ally owners and workers together. He used violence against opponents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opposition leaders. Within three years, Italy had become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state.

**The Nazi Rise – Dictatorship in Germany**

In Germany, the socialist leaders of the democratic Weimar Republic were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for signing the Treaty of Versailles., which forced Germany to pay crippling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Britain and France. To pay the debt, the government printed large amounts of money, leading to a soaring German inflation in 1923. Common items came to cost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of German marks, and middle class families saw their life savings wiped out.

**The Weimar Republic Collapses**

By the late 1920s, the Weimar Republic created a new currency and achieved some measure of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This ended when The Great Depression spread from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Germany in 1930. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germans lost their jobs – more than one-third of the work force. The leaders of the Weimar government could not agree on how to cope with this economic catastrophe. In the elections, the farmers, the unemployed, and members of the middle class turned to the more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ solutions offered by both the rise of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party.

**Rise of the Nazi (National Socialist) Party**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (1889-1945) was the leader of the **Nazi Party**. An electrifying speaker, Hitler spelled out his radical ideas in his book ***Mein Kampf*** (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_):

**Hitler’s Vision for Germany**

* **Condemnation of the Weimar Republic.**

Hitler blamed Germany’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Versailles on Weimar leaders. He urged Germans to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ democracy and return Germany to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under a strong leader.

* **Aryan Race.**

Hitler believed that Germans were a superior “Aryan” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that should rule the world. He planned to eventually wipe out Slavic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like the Poles to make room for German settlers in Eastern Europe.

* **Anti-Semitism.**

Hitler called the Jews an “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” that should be destroyed for causing Germany’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the war. He saw Communism as a Jewish plot to control the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

An important part of Nazi beliefs was a fanatical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and obedience to their “Führer,” or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Adolf Hitler.

**Nazis Come to Power Control**

* The Nazis built up their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a private army of “Brown Shirts” made up of former soldiers and unemployed workers. They beat up political opponents and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and staged rallies and parades. When the Great Depression hit Germany, support for the Nazi party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Although not a majority, they became the largest party in the in the **Reichstag** (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). With this support, Hitler was appointed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1933. Conservatives thought they could control Hitler, but he acted quickly to secure complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Hitler and his fellow Nazis were determined to bring down the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and establish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule in Germany. They did everything they could to create chaos, using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Martial law was proclaimed in Berlin. The Reichstag building was burned down, possibly by the Nazis themselves. Hitler blamed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the fire and used the incident to take emergency powers, becoming an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whose will was law.

**Germany Under Nazi Control**

In the following months the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, like the Fascists in Italy, took over every aspect of German social, economic, and political life. The army took a personal oath of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Hitler. Hitler also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his rivals within the Nazi Party. Under Hitler’s “New Order,” the following changes took place in Germany:

**Hitler’s Nazi Dictatorship**

* **Human Rights Violations.**

People were arrested and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without trial. Rival political parties, unions, and independent newspapers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and replaced by pro-Nazi ones.

* **Persecution of Jews.**

Jews were thrown out of government jobs. Jews lost their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were forced to wear yellow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on their clothes, and were barred from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other Germans. Jewish shops were vandalized and synagogues were burned down. Later, Jews would be forced into special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camps.

* **Economic Changes.**

Hitler made use of public works projects like building \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and military \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to secure full employment. Economic prosperity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Germany.

* **Secret Police.**

Newspapers, radios, and films blared out Nazi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. No other sources of information were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ except those under Nazi control. The **Gestapo** (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) arrested suspected opponents, who were thrown into **concentration camps** where they were mistreated, tortured, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the first such camp, opened outside of Munich in 1938.

**Germany Under Nazi Control, cont’d**

* Many Germans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hitler because he restored full employment, told Germans they were a superior race, overturned the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Versailles Treaty, and restored German military \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Hitler’s opponents were arrested, killed, or went into hiding. They were terrorized by the Gestapo (secret police). Propaganda played a great role as terror in the early success of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Young children were enrolled as “Hitler Youths:; all art and theater was directed towards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nazism; and no other ideas were tolerated.
* While Hitler used government agencies to create public works projects and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Germany, President Franklin Roosevelt in the United States also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ public spending and introduced massive public works projects. He pushed Congress for the creation of new government programs and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help combat the Great Depression and get American workers back to work. In the Soviet Union, Stalin used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tactics similar to those used by Hitler. However, the Soviets did not suffer from the Great Depression since they lacked a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**World War II (1939-1945)**

The rise of Fascist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Italy, Germany, and elsewhere made the outbreak of a new war almost inevitable. These dictators glorified war and laid plans for national expansion. However, the war was postponed for several years while the dictators built up their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Meanwhile, Japan launched a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in East Asia in 1931

**The Origins of World War II**

* **World War II** could be seen as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the war that had ended in 1918. Hitler sought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Britain and France for Germany’s humiliating defeat. His claims for territories in Eastern Europe were apparently meant to satisfy German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desires. But in fact, his vision of a new world order went far beyond earlier German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ambitions.
* Hitler planned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whole populations and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others. World War II became a struggle to the death for mastery of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The devastating effects of new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the linkage of German desires in Europe with Japanese ambitions in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made this the most destructive war in history. World War II transformed the entire world just as World War I had earlier transformed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The following events led to the outbreak of war in Europe. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ began taking aggressive steps. Mussolini invaded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Hitler helped Francisco Franco, another fascist dictator, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Then Hitler demanded Austria and part of Czechoslovakia that had many German nationals living there. Britain and France hoped to avoid war and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hitler at a conference in Munich. Hitler next demanded Danzig in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but the Poles – now backed by Britain and France – refused to give in.

**The Road to World War II**

* League of Nations Fails

The League relied on its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help each other to prevent another war. Hitler, in violation of the Treaty of Versailles, rebuilt his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The League could do nothing to stop Hitler because its member states refused to take action. They feared any such steps might lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Appeasement

Hitler next claimed territories where Germans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He annexed (took) Austria early in 1938. Then Hitler claimed part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where a large number of Germans lived. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain met with Hitler in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and tried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*granting Concessions to an aggressor*). Hoping to avoid war, Chamberlain agreed to Hitler’s demand for western Czechoslovakia.

* Invasion of Poland

In 1939, Hitler made new demands for part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This time, Britain and France refused to give in. Hitler made a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deal with Stalin to keep the Soviet Union out of the war. Germany then invaded Poland, starting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Stalin took part of Eastern Poland.

**The War in Europe**

Hitler’s invasion of Poland in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ started the war.

**The Nazi Blitzkrieg and the Battle of Britain**

* Improvements in the automobile engine and other technologies again made new forms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ possible. The German army developed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the use of planes, tanks, and motorized troop carriers to advance rapidly into enemy territory. The Nazis quickly overran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. By the end of 1940, Germany controlled most of Western Europe – only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ held out.
* Hitler hoped to overcome British resistance by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ London and other British cities from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Winston Churchill, the new British Prime Minister, rallied British resistance. Churchill, a brilliant orator, inspired the British people with his stirring public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The use of radar, the bravery of the British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Britain’s island \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helped defend Britain from German air attacks. Hitler was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defeat the British.

**Germany invades the Soviet Union**

* By 1940, Hitler had conquered all of Western Europe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Britain. Hitler now turned his attention to the east. According to Hitler, Germany needed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eastwards. His racial theories, outlined in *Mein Kamf*, made him look down on Slavs, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In 1941, Hitler betrayed Stalin by launching a surprise attack on the Soviet Union. At first, the German army appeared to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But the winter on 1941 was one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on record. German trucks and tanks froze before they could reach Moscow. Then the Soviets gradually pushed the Germans back. The Soviets bore the brunt of fighting in Germany for most of the war. The turning point came when the Germans were defeated at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Soviet military and civilian wartime losses amounted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dead.

**The United States Enters the War**

In December, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ships at Pearl Harbor, Hawai’i. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quickly joined Japan by declaring war on the United States. As a result, Hitler was now opposed by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers – Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States. Germany was helped by Italy and Japan, together known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers. The Allied Powers decided to first concentrate on defeating Europe in Germany in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, before turning their full strength against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill developed a strong wartime partnership and waged a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ campaign.

**The Holocaust**

The Holocaust refers to the attempted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews of Europe during World War II. Genocide is an effort to murder an entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* The Final Solution. After the outbreak of the war, Hitler decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all European Jews under the cover of war. He called his plan the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” At first, Jews were marched out of towns and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ next to open trenches they were forced to dig themselves, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in trucks.
* Concentration Camps. Later, large concentration camps like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were built all over Europe. Jews from throughout Nazi-controlled Europe were sent to these camps in cramped railroad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cars. When they arrived in the camps, most were killed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and their bodies burned in large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some were spared to do the work of running the camp. These inmates were half-starved and subjugated to inhumane conditions.
* Human Toll. It is estimated that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jews, two-thirds of those living in Europe, were killed in the Holocaust. Six million \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Slavs, political prisoners, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and mentally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people also died in Nazi concentration camps.

**The War in Europe Ends**

* Despite Stalin’s protests, the United States and Britain delayed opening a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Europe. Finally on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in June 1944, allied troops landed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in Northern France. This was the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assault in history. The tide of war now turned in favor of the allies. The Soviet Union had greater man-power than Germany, and the United States had greater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capability. British and American forces pushed through France and Germany: to the east, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army advanced through Poland and Eastern Germany.
* In August 1941, Roosevelt and Churchill met in the Atlantic and issued a vision for post-war Europe known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It promised self-determination to all peoples and future \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin met together at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1943) and again at Yalta (1945). Roosevelt and Churchill obtained a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Stalin that free elections would be held in the countries of Eastern Europe, then occupied all of Germany. Hitler preferred the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his country to witnessing its surrender. On April 30, 1945, Hitler committed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Soon after, German military leaders surrendered.

**Nuremburg Trials**

* Although Hitler escaped prosecution by committing suicide, several of the most important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaders were tried and convicted by an international tribunal at Nuremburg for “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” The Nuremburg Trials revealed to the world the full extent of Nazi atrocities – the use of slave labor, medical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on humans, forced starvation, and genocide. The trial reaffirmed that not just a country, but its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were accountable for violations of international law. Germany itself was divided into separate zones and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the four victorious Allied Powers.

**The War in Asia**

* Just as German ambitions had triggered the war in Europe, Japan’s aggressive designs led to war in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Japan’s late 19th century industrialization was remarkably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But Japanese leaders needed raw materials and markets for their industries. They also wished to replace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ imperialism in Asia by imperialism of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power.
* Japan’s military began to influence Japanese national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the 1930s. Japanese military leaders glorified traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs of martial discipline and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They set Japan on a policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Asia. They successfully invaded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a northern province of China, in 1931. They then set up a puppet government in Manchuria. Japan next went on to invade the rest of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1937. Its army committed atrocities against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Shanghai and other Chinese cities.

**Japan in World War II**

* Japanese leaders saw the war in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an opportunity to gain control of mainland \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Japan took advantage of the conflict by occupying French Indochina. Only the United States was in a position to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Japan’s expansion.
* When the United States threatened to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shipment of oil supplies unless Japan gave up some of its conquests, Japanese leaders decided on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attack. In 1941, Hideki Tojo, a general from the Manchurian campaign, was appointed Prime Minister. Tojo and other Japanese leaders convinced Emperor Hirohito to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the United States. Japanese leaders hoped for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war, after which they planned to negotiate a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the United States that would give them control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Pearl Harbor (1941). To carry out this strategy, Japan launched a massive surprise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attack from aircraft carriers on the U.S. fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawai’i, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. More than\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Americans were killed in this attack.
* The war in Asia and the Pacific (1941-1943). Japanese leaders badly miscalculated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the United States. The quick war they had hoped for dragged on for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. At first, the Japanese achieved sweeping \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Asian mainland and in the Pacific. They invaded and occupied the Philippines, Hong Kong, Borneo, the Solomon Islands, Java, and Singapore.
* The Tide Turns against Japan (1943-1945). The tide began to turn in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the United States regained naval superiority In the Pacific at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. American forces began “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” – liberating Pacific islands from Japanese control one at a time. Japanese armies were slowly forced to retreat back to their home islands. After Germany was defeated in 1945, the United States turned it’s full strength on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Atomic Bomb Ends the War (1945)**

A German Jewish physicist, Albert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, played a key role in developing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bomb. In 1905, Einstein published several papers claiming space and time were relative and that a large amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could be released from a small amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After Hitler came to power, Einstein fled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to come to the United States. During the war, Einstein feared that Nazi Germany was developing an atomic weapon.

* Einstein wrote a letter urging President Roosevelt to support research into an “extremely powerful bomb of a new type.” Due to his letter, Roosevelt authorized the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Leading scientists gathered in New Mexico to develop an atomic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In August 1945, after the sudden death of Roosevelt, President Truman authorized the use of the new atomic bomb against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Truman hoped to prevent the high \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expected in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ invasion of Japan. On August 6, 1945, an American atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Three days later, a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Fearing additional attacks, Japanese leaders convinced the emperor to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. World War II finally came to an end.

**The U.S. Occupation of Japan (1945-1952)**

* American General Douglas MacArthur, who had led the Pacific campaign, was assigned the task of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ post-war Japan. Under his leadership, important reforms made Japan less imperialistic and less aggressive. Japan lost its overseas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was stripped of its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and navy. Its leaders were put on trial and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Tojo was executed. Meanwhile, Japan’s people were given a democratic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Emperor Hirohito was allowed to remain on the throne, but his powers were drastically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Global Impact of World War II**

* World War II was a global conflict whose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was unparalleled: as many as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people died, and much of Europe and Asia lay in ruins. Germany, Italy, and Japan were occupied and turned into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nations. The collapse of European power hastened the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of imperialism in Asia and Africa. Some estimates place the cost of the war at more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars. Although the United States had shouldered the bulk of the Allied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the war, its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spared it from the destruction faced by other Allied and Axis powers.

**The United Nations**

* The League of Nations had proved to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Churchill and Roosevelt decided to launch a new international peace-keeping organization in 1945, known as the United Nations (U.N.). The U.N. Charter establishes its purpose to maintain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world, while encouraging friendship and cooperation. Members agree to give up the use of force, except in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The U.N. also seeks to eliminate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The U.N. has a Security Council, made up of the leading powers, responsible for ensuring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and deterring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Security Council can apply economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or use military power to resolve disputes. The U.N. also has a General Assembly which includes all member nations. It makes recommendations to the Security Council.