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Social Studies 11 Unit 2: WWII

2A: Background to World War Two (WWII)



Lesson Focus Question

- How and why do some societies turn towards dictatorships?
- What led to World War II?

Main Reference Cranny, M., Moles, G. (2010). *Counterpoints: Exploring Canadian Issues*. Toronto: Pearson.

Reading: Ch. 4 p. 118-126 (try a quick read thru beforehand)

Teacher Presentation: Keynote - Rise of Dictatorships

Image: The Kroll Opera House 19th July 1940: Hitler made a Victory speech lasting over two hours, during which he saluted each of the twelve newly promoted Field Marshalls.

Source:

<http://ww2today.com/hitler-makes-a-peace-offer-to-britain>

Notes from the Keynote Presentation:

Why do you think Germany turned to Hitler and Nazism during the 1930s?

Take note of the "King's Speech" on p. 119... did you see the movie?

1. Vocab

Provide a brief definition and/or example for the following terms & ideas:

- dictator
- totalitarian
- fascist
- Weimar Republic
- Nazi
- Kristallnacht
- Holocaust
- appeasement

2. Rise of Dictatorships

Complete the following chart using the text and/or other sources

Location / p. ref	Type of dictatorship	Leader	How it came about	Results of dictatorship	Other/ Interesting
Soviet Union p. 120					
Italy p. 121					
Germany p. 121-122					
Spain p. 123					
Japan p. 123					

3. Global Impacts of the Depression

Take a few notes based on the poster activity we did in class

4. Causes of World War II (p. 124-126, Keynote, & video *Life Under Hitler*)

Take a few notes -- big ideas, key details -- to understand the factors that led to WWII

5. Road to War in the 1930s • See references on p. 124 and 126 -- use the maps below to label and note the progress of 1. German, 2. Italian, and 3. Japanese expansion prior to WWII

