



# Rise of the Dictators

# Italy

- One of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dictatorships
- **Benito Mussolini**
  - Founded Italy's Fascist Party
  - Pledged to return Italy to Glory days of Roman Empire
  - Promised Working Class full employment and social security

# Italy

- Fascism
  - Aggressive NATIONALIST – considered the Nation more important than the individual
  - Nations become great through building an empire – MORE LAND
  - ANTI – COMMUNIST

# Russia

- After Russia Revolution – Communist Party led by Vladimir Lenin
- Renamed USSR in 1922 (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- Stalin
  - 1902 – 1913 – imprisoned or expelled 7 times
  - 1926 – becomes Russian Soviet Dictator
  - Begins massive industrialism in Russia – harsh conditions and lower wages
  - Tolerated no opposition

# Russia

- Communism
  - Instituted one- party rule
  - Suppressed individual liberties
  - Punished opponents

# Germany

- Upset at the Treaty of Versailles
- Horrible economy
- **Hitler**
  - One of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruits for Nazi Party
  - 1923 – tried to seize power – failed – jailed
  - Wrote Mein Kampf –
    - Aryans are master race, blue eyes, blonde hair, we didn't deserve what we got after WWI, etc.
  - Appointed Chancellor – called for new elections and he won!

# Germany

- Nazi Germany
  - Anti – Communist
  - Didn't follow the treaty
  - Wanted to expand Germany
  - Intimidated voters
  - People followed because it gave them hope and many promises given

# Japan

- Difficult economic times
- Japan had to import all goods but they couldn't afford them
- Started tariffs but that backfired too
- Blamed corrupt politicians – said democracy was bad and was ‘un-Japanese’



# Japan

- Only way to survive would be to invade and get more land
- 1931 – invaded Manchuria (North China)
- Japanese Prime Minister interfered, Japan officers assassinated him
- From that point forward – Military controlled the government.