**Dictatorship and the Second World War**

**(1919-1945)**

Objectives

1. How were Fascist and Communist totalitarian dictatorships similar and different?
2. How did Stalin and the Communist Party build a totalitarian state in the Soviet Union?
3. What kind of government did Mussolini establish in Italy?
4. What policies did Nazi Germany pursue, and how did they lead to World War II?
5. How did Germany and Japan conquer enormous empires during World War II, and how did the Allies defeat them?

Terms and People

**Authoritarian States**

Conservative Authoritarianism and Radical Totalitarian Dictatorships

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The Seizure of Power

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Benito Mussolini (1883–1945)

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The Nazi Party

The Beer Hall Putsch

Hitler's Road to Power

* Mein Kampf (My Struggle)
* The Rise of National Socialism
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State and Society in Nazi Germany

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* The Nuremberg Laws (1935)
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The Volksgemeinschaft (People’s Community)

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The Final Solution

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The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere

The Japanese Offensives

**The "Hinge of Fate"**

The Grand Alliance

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