

The West Between the Wars, 1919-1939

TOPIC SUMMARY

After the war, many countries struggled under the strain of war debts and a worldwide economic depression. Totalitarian governments emerged in Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union. Radio and movies, both popular forms of entertainment, also began to be used to communicate political messages. Art movements such as Dadaism and surrealism reflected a new mood in society. People no longer felt that the world was rational.

Identifying Cause and Effect

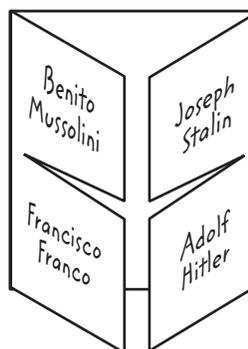
● <i>The Great Depression</i>	
<i>Causes</i>	<i>Responses</i>
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📌 Folded Chart

Have students make and use this Folded Chart to examine the causes and effects of the Great Depression. Students should list the causes of the Great Depression in the left column. Across from each cause, students should list one or more responses from individuals, society as a whole, or the government.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper

Comparing and Contrasting

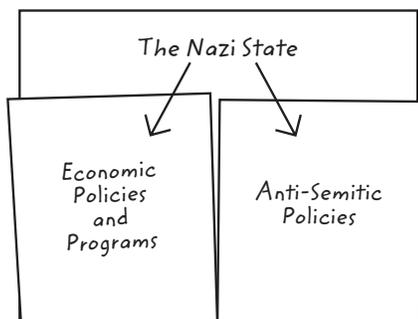


📌 Four-Door Book

Have students create a Four-Door Book to compare and contrast the dictatorships of Benito Mussolini, Josef Stalin, Francisco Franco, and Adolph Hitler. Have students list facts about each ruler under the appropriate flap. This Foldable will be a helpful study guide on the differences and similarities of these four men.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" x 17" paper and scissors

Analyzing Policies



📌 Two-Tab Concept Map

To explore the policies of the Nazi state, have students make and use this Two-Tab Concept Map. Students should record facts about the economic policies and programs of the Nazi state, including what brought the Nazis to power, under one flap. Under the other flap, students should write facts related to the Nazis' anti-Semitic policies and the actions taken as a result.

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