

# Rise of Fascism in Italy, Spain, and Japan

# Italy: Benito Mussolini

- **After WW1:** Italian nationalists angry that Italy didn't benefit from treaties
  - No land was given
  - Felt fighting for Allies was meaningless
  - Increases nationalism movement in Italy
- **Mussolini**
  - Fought during WW1
  - Strong Italian nationalist
  - Wanted Italy to be like the old Roman Empire



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- **1919:** Mussolini created the *Fasci Italiani di Combattimento* (Italian Combat Squad)
  - Blackshirts = armed squad of war veterans used to “keep order”
- **1922:** March on Rome
  - 30,000 Blackshirts protest; demand resignation of Italy’s Prime Minister
  - King Victor Emmanuel III (scared of civil war) appoints Mussolini as Italy’s new PM
- Mussolini gets rid of constitution → Italy under a dictatorship and police state



# Turn & Talk

- What similarities/differences do you see between Hitler and Mussolini?

# Spain: Francisco Franco

- **Late 1800's – 1930's:** Spain suffered from political instability (wars, coups, etc.)
- **1931:** King Alfonso XIII was removed and replaced with a republic (democracy)
- **1936:** Socialists won the election → nationalists upset with loss of power



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- **1936 – 1939: Spanish Civil War**
  - Republicans loyal to the new Spanish Republic
  - vs
  - Nationalists, a fascist group led by Francisco Franco (military general)
- SCW seen as a “trial run” for WW2
  - Republicans got support from Stalin
  - Franco got support from Hitler, Mussolini



# Stretch Break!!

Take 2 minutes and stretch/wake up if  
you need to 😊



# Japan: Emperor Hirohito

- **After WWI:** Japan was seen as a world power
  - 9<sup>th</sup> largest economy
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> largest naval power
  - Member of League of Nations
- **1926:** Hirohito takes the throne after his father's death





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- **1927:** Financial crisis hits Japan
  - Global economic slowdown
  - Countries can't afford Japanese goods
- **1930's:** Emperor Hirohito increases nationalism, military
  - "Japanese fascism"
  - Invades Manchuria (China)
    - Uses chemical weapons, torture, rape, etc.
  - Makes alliance with Hitler and Mussolini



# Comparing Dictators

- Create a chart that compares the dictators discussed so far this unit. Make sure to include the following:

	Stalin	Hitler	Mussolini	Franco	Hirohito
Country					
Political Ideology					
How he came to power					
What he did while in power					

# Exit Ticket

- Using your notes and dictators chart, write a paragraph that answers the following question. Make sure to include specific details in your response.

*Why was Fascism popular after WW1?*