

Keywords: Spring 1

History

Topic Title: Was the First World War the main reason for the rise of dictatorships in Europe?

This half term you will be studying the rise of dictatorship in Europe in the interwar period and considering how various factors combined to bring their rise. We will focus in particular on Russia and Germany

Keyword	Definition
Dictatorship	When one person has absolute power over a country
Democracy	Government by the people, where everyone gets a say, usually through voting
Communism	A belief that all property should be owned by the community and each person contributes and receives according to their ability and needs
Fascism	An extreme right-wing political system that is in favour of strong central government, aggressively promoting your own country or race above others, and that does not allow any opposition
Treaty of Versailles	Peace agreement signed at the end of WWI that was very harsh towards Germany.
Bolshevik	A member of the group in Russia, led by Vladimir Lenin, that took control after the 1917 Revolution.
Tsar	Ruler of Russia pre 1917
Nazi	Members of the fascist political party, led by Adolf Hitler, which held power in Germany from 1933 to 1945

Putsch	A secretly plotted and suddenly executed attempt to overthrow a government.
Propaganda	Ideas or statements that may be false or exaggerated and that are used in order to gain support for a political leader, party