Interwar Review

The Review Guide

Why was Russia unprepared for fighting in WWI?

- no competent military leaders
- weak armament industry
- poorly armed military

Define "Soviets". Who did they represent?

 counsels composed of representatives from the workers and soldiers, interests of the lower classes

How did the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk impact Russia? Why was Lenin ok with accepting it?

• He thought that it would bring peace, and that the land would be regained in time

Describe life under Joseph Stalin.

- He allowed farm owners to own a tiny plot of land
- He caused widespread famine, including the Ukrainian genocide
- He sent "enemies" to labor camps in Siberia

New Economic Policy-

• Lenin's scheme to replace war communism

Totalitarian State-

government that aims to rule by broad control

Collectivization-

• elimination of private farms by Stalin

Fascism-

philosophy that values the state over the individual

How was Hitler able to take over Germany?

- Germany was looking for a strong leader to return them to a place of economic prosperity after the humiliation of WWI.
- Germans believed Hitler could help them regain lost lands during WWI.
- Hitler encouraged support of the Nazi party on many levels.

Describe the causes leading to the Russian revolution.

- Russian people wanted out of WW1
- Russian people were starving because of the famine
- They wanted their own land
- "Peace, Land, and Bread"

Lenin's "Peace, Land, and Bread" speech led to...

gain popular support to overthrow the government

How did the Treaty of Versailles punish Germany? (Think BRAT)

- B − Blame
- R Reparations
- A Army reductions
- T Territories Lost

Why did fascism rise throughout Europe in the 1920s and 1930s?

- severe inflation
- high unemployment
- fear of communism

In general, colonies pursued during the interwar period?

Independence