



# Western Civilization from Prehistory to 1650

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## Sample Web Activity from my Western Civilization II Course

### WEB ACTIVITY 3: 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TOTALITARIANISM

<b>THE TASK</b>	<p>You are part of a team of journalists visiting three totalitarian regimes during the period between the wars (1917-1939). Your assignment is to find out as much as you can about them (the who, what, where, when, and why). Your editor has assigned you a subtopic (e.g., Communist Ideology, Fascist Leadership, Nazi Propaganda, etc.) and expects you to prepare a script for a two-minute news broadcast for an international leadership conference.</p> <p>In addition, he has asked you to challenge your audience by proposing at least three relevant thought questions for them to consider after they've experienced your broadcast.</p>
<b>TERMINOLOGY</b>	<p><b>Communism</b> - A social, political, and economic system characterized by the revolutionary struggle to create a society which has an absence of classes, and the common ownership of the means of production and subsistence, and centralized governmental control over the economy.</p> <p><b>Elitism</b> - Philosophy that a narrow clique of the "best" or "most skilled" members of a given social group should have the power.</p> <p><b>Fascism</b> - A philosophy or system of government that advocates or exercises a dictatorship of the extreme right, typically through the merging of state and business leadership, together with an ideology of belligerent nationalism.</p> <p><b>Ideology</b> - The body of ideas reflecting the social needs and aspirations of an individual, group, class, or culture.</p> <p><b>Left-wing</b> - individuals and groups who desire to reform or overthrow the established order and advocate change in the name of greater freedom or well-being of the common man.</p> <p><b>Nazism</b> - The ideology and policies of Adolf Hitler and his National Socialist German Worker's Party from 1921 to 1945.</p> <p><b>Propaganda</b> - The systematic spreading of a given doctrine or of allegations reflecting its views and interests.</p> <p><b>Right-wing</b> - Individuals or groups who profess opposition to change in the established order and who favor traditional attitudes and practices, and who sometimes advocate the forced establishment of an authoritarian political order.</p> <p><b>Totalitarianism</b> - A form of government in which all societal resources are monopolized by the state in an effort to penetrate and control all aspects of public and private life, through the state's use of propaganda, terror, and technology.</p>
<b>INTERNET RESOURCES</b> <b>Russian Communism</b>	<p><b>RUSSIAN COMMUNISM IDEOLOGY (What did they believe?)</b>  Why Study Russian History? The Challenge of the New  <a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/russia/lectures/01why.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/russia/lectures/01why.html</a>  The Making of a Socialist "Saint"</p>

	<p><a href="http://www.greenleft.org.au/back/1997/293/293p26.htm">http://www.greenleft.org.au/back/1997/293/293p26.htm</a> The Cult of Lenin</p> <p><a href="http://www.utoronto.ca/crees/news/nov01/pubns.html">http://www.utoronto.ca/crees/news/nov01/pubns.html</a> Stalin and the Cult of Personality</p> <p><a href="http://www.zeusweb.com/tim/school/stalin.html">http://www.zeusweb.com/tim/school/stalin.html</a> <b>LEADERSHIP (Who called the shots?)</b> The Communist International</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Comintern.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Comintern.html</a> Stalin v. Trotsky</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/StalinTrot.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/StalinTrot.html</a> Marxist International Archive</p> <p><a href="http://www.departments.bucknell.edu/russian/index.html">http://www.departments.bucknell.edu/russian/index.html</a> Lenin</p> <p><a href="http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin.html">http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin.html</a> Repression and Terror: Stalin in Control</p> <p><a href="http://archive.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SDG/Experimental/soviet.exhibit/repress.html">http://archive.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SDG/Experimental/soviet.exhibit/repress.html</a></p> <p><b>ECONOMIC POLICIES (How did they control the economy?)</b> Collectivization and Industrialization</p> <p><a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/coll.html">http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/coll.html</a> Stalin's Russia: A Study in Totalitarianism and Autocracy</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/</a> War Communism</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/WarCom.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/WarCom.html</a> The New Economic Policy</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/NEP.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/NEP.html</a> Collectivization</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Collectivization.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Collectivization.html</a> Industrialization</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/EconDev.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/EconDev.html</a></p> <p><b>PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES (How did they persuade?)</b> The Making of a Socialist "Saint"</p> <p><a href="http://www.greenleft.org.au/back/1997/293/293p26.htm">http://www.greenleft.org.au/back/1997/293/293p26.htm</a> The Cult of Lenin</p> <p><a href="http://www.utoronto.ca/crees/news/nov01/pubns.html">http://www.utoronto.ca/crees/news/nov01/pubns.html</a> Stalin and the Cult of Personality</p> <p><a href="http://www.zeusweb.com/tim/school/stalin.html">http://www.zeusweb.com/tim/school/stalin.html</a></p> <p><b>FORMS OF COERCION (How did they get people to cooperate?)</b> Lenin</p> <p><a href="http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin.html">http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin.html</a> The Purge</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Purge.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/lectures/Purge.html</a> Revelations from the Russian Archives</p> <p><a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/intro.html">http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/intro.html</a> Secret Police</p> <p><a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/secs.html">http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/secs.html</a> GULAG (Corrective Labor Camps)</p> <p><a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/gula.html">http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/gula.html</a> Deportations</p> <p><a href="http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/depo.html">http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/depo.html</a> A Personal Journey into the GULAG (Corrective Labor Camps)</p> <p><a href="http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/gulag.html">http://mars.wnec.edu/~grempe/courses/stalin/gulag.html</a> Lenin</p> <p><a href="http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin4.html">http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/lenin4.html</a></p>
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<p><b>Italian Fascism</b></p>	<p><b>ITALIAN FASCISM</b></p> <p><b>IDEOLOGY (What did they believe?)</b></p> <p>Fascism  <a href="http://library.thinkquest.org/13831/fascism.html">http://library.thinkquest.org/13831/fascism.html</a>  The Philosophical Roots of Modern Ideology  <a href="http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Fascism/Philosophic_Roots_Ideology.html">http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Fascism/Philosophic_Roots_Ideology.html</a>  Italian Life after Fascism  <a href="http://www.learntoquestion.com/data/italian_fascism.html">http://www.learntoquestion.com/data/italian_fascism.html</a>  Ideology  <a href="http://members.tripod.com/scohel/page59.html">http://members.tripod.com/scohel/page59.html</a>  Understanding Fascism  <a href="http://www.geocities.com/bobmeyer_us/brady.html">http://www.geocities.com/bobmeyer_us/brady.html</a></p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP (Who called the shots?)</b></p> <p>What is Fascism  <a href="http://www.pipeline.com/~rgibson/fascism.html">http://www.pipeline.com/~rgibson/fascism.html</a>  Benito Mussolini  <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/people/A0859843.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/people/A0859843.html</a>  Mussolini in Pictures  <a href="http://www.gvn.net/~lowe/mussolini/1.htm">http://www.gvn.net/~lowe/mussolini/1.htm</a>  Benito Mussolini  <a href="http://darter.ocps.net/classroom/who/darter2/mussolini.html">http://darter.ocps.net/classroom/who/darter2/mussolini.html</a>  Hallmarks of a Fascist Regime  <a href="http://www.hippy.com/php/article.php?sid=226">http://www.hippy.com/php/article.php?sid=226</a>  Europe First Fascist Dictator: Mussolini  <a href="http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/high_school/cur/Baker_00/03/baker-je-jp-03/mussolini.htm">http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/high_school/cur/Baker_00/03/baker-je-jp-03/mussolini.htm</a></p> <p><b>ECONOMIC POLICIES (How did they control the economy?)</b></p> <p>The Rise of Fascism  <a href="http://www.lgu.ac.uk/langstud/med/med/fascism/sld001.htm">http://www.lgu.ac.uk/langstud/med/med/fascism/sld001.htm</a>  Fascism  <a href="http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism">http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism</a>  Fascism in Italy  <a href="http://www.revision-notes.co.uk/revision/21.html">http://www.revision-notes.co.uk/revision/21.html</a>  Economic Fascism  <a href="http://www.libertyhaven.com/theoreticalorphilosophicalissues/libertarianism/ecofascism.html">http://www.libertyhaven.com/theoreticalorphilosophicalissues/libertarianism/ecofascism.html</a></p> <p><b>PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES (How did they persuade?)</b></p> <p>Italian Life Under Fascism  <a href="http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/dpf/Fascism/Propaganda.html">http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/dpf/Fascism/Propaganda.html</a>  Review of the <i>Illusion of Victory: Fascist Propaganda and the Second World War</i>  <a href="http://www.ess.uwe.ac.uk/genocide/reviewsg3.htm">http://www.ess.uwe.ac.uk/genocide/reviewsg3.htm</a>  The Cinema Under Mussolini  <a href="http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/italians/resources/Amiciprize/1996/mussolini.html">http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/italians/resources/Amiciprize/1996/mussolini.html</a>  Propaganda Piece  <a href="http://newdeal.feri.org/magpie/docs/3906p12.htm">http://newdeal.feri.org/magpie/docs/3906p12.htm</a>  Who Really Ruled Italy?  <a href="http://www.4freeessays.com/essays/614.shtml">http://www.4freeessays.com/essays/614.shtml</a></p> <p><b>FORMS OF COERCION (How did they get people to cooperate?)</b></p> <p>The Fascist Repression of Jehovah's Witnesses  <a href="http://www.4freeessays.com/essays/614.shtml">http://www.4freeessays.com/essays/614.shtml</a>  The Repression in Italy  <a href="http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf/org/issue50/italy.html">http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf/org/issue50/italy.html</a></p>
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<p><b>German Nazism</b></p>	<p>Blackshirts and Red  <a href="http://www.michaelparenti.org/RationalFascism.html">http://www.michaelparenti.org/RationalFascism.html</a>  Italy's Role in World War II Atrocities  <a href="http://pricegraphicarts.tripod.com/WorldWideTerrorism/id52.htm">http://pricegraphicarts.tripod.com/WorldWideTerrorism/id52.htm</a></p> <p><b>GERMAN NAZISM</b>  <b>IDEOLOGY (What did they believe?)</b>  Nazi Ideology and Propaganda  <a href="http://www.dac.neu.edu/holocaust/3_FRAMES_PAGE.htm">http://www.dac.neu.edu/holocaust/3_FRAMES_PAGE.htm</a>  Nazi Ideology  <a href="http://www.attridge15.freemove.co.uk/nazism/ideology.htm">http://www.attridge15.freemove.co.uk/nazism/ideology.htm</a>  The Victims of Nazi Ideology  <a href="http://www.smcm.edu/academics/soan/smp/jewish_resilience/victims_of_nazi_ideology-1995.htm">http://www.smcm.edu/academics/soan/smp/jewish_resilience/victims_of_nazi_ideology-1995.htm</a>  Nazi Fascism and the Modern Totalitarian State  <a href="http://www.remember.org/guide/Facts.root.nazi.html">http://www.remember.org/guide/Facts.root.nazi.html</a></p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP (Who called the shots?)</b>  Nazi Leaders  <a href="http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Nazi_leaders.htm">http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Nazi_leaders.htm</a>  Photos: Nazi Leaders  <a href="http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/holocaust/resource/gallery/Nazi.htm">http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/holocaust/resource/gallery/Nazi.htm</a>  Prominent Leaders of Nazi Germany  <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/wy/wwi/leaders.html">http://www.angelfire.com/wy/wwi/leaders.html</a></p> <p><b>ECONOMIC POLICIES (How did they control the economy?)</b>  The Economics of Barbarism  <a href="http://economics.about.com/library/weekly/aafpreconomicsofbarbarism.htm">http://economics.about.com/library/weekly/aafpreconomicsofbarbarism.htm</a>  Nazi Economics  <a href="http://www.papillonsartpalace.com/nazi.htm">http://www.papillonsartpalace.com/nazi.htm</a>  The Economic History of Germany  <a href="http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/watkins/german1.htm">http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/watkins/german1.htm</a></p> <p><b>PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES (How did they persuade?)</b>  Nazi Propaganda  <a href="http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/">http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/</a>  Nazi Propaganda and Censorship  <a href="http://www.usmmm.org/outreach/propag.htm">http://www.usmmm.org/outreach/propag.htm</a>  Nazi Propaganda  <a href="http://history1900s.about.com/cs/nazipropaganda/">http://history1900s.about.com/cs/nazipropaganda/</a></p> <p><b>FORMS OF COERCION (How did they get people to cooperate?)</b>  Nazi Terror  <a href="http://www.google.com/search?q=Nazi+%2Brepression&amp;hl=en&amp;lr=&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;oe=UTF-8&amp;start=10&amp;sa=N">http://www.google.com/search?q=Nazi+%2Brepression&amp;hl=en&amp;lr=&amp;ie=UTF-8&amp;oe=UTF-8&amp;start=10&amp;sa=N</a>  A History of the Holocaust  <a href="http://www.fatherryan.org/holocaust/">http://www.fatherryan.org/holocaust/</a>  Holocaust Educational Resource  <a href="http://www.nizkor.org/">http://www.nizkor.org/</a>  The Holocaust Revealed  <a href="http://www.holocaustrevealed.org/domain/holocaustrevealed.org/Nazi-Holocaust.htm">http://www.holocaustrevealed.org/domain/holocaustrevealed.org/Nazi-Holocaust.htm</a>  Nazi Terror : The Gestapo, Jews, and Ordinary Germans  <a href="http://www.historyuniverse.com/bookstore2/0465049060AMUS132711.shtml">http://www.historyuniverse.com/bookstore2/0465049060AMUS132711.shtml</a></p>
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