The Interwar Years

THE ROARING TWENTIES
The Lost Generation

Prior to the war, many people felt a sense of optimism, that life was only getting better. WWI destroyed this sense of optimism, creating a disillusioned people (the lost generation).
Comparison #2

*The Thinker*, Rodin 1902

*The Fountain*, Marcel Duchamp, 1917
Art of the Lost Generation

• Dadaism or Dada is a post-World War I cultural movement.

• The movement was, among other things, a protest against
  • the barbarism of the War
  • oppressive intellectual rigidity in both art and everyday society.
Comparison #3

*Woman with a Hat*, Henri Matisse 1905

*L.H.O.O.Q.*, Marcel Duchamp 1919
Comparison # 4

*Sunday Afternoon on the Island of Grande Jatte*, Georges Seurat 1884-85

*The Persistence of Memory*, Salvador Dali 1931
Surrealism

Surrealist try to capture the unconscious mind.

Works feature the element of surprise, unexpected juxtapositions.
Ceci n'est pas une pipe.
Old...vs. New
HARLEM, NEW YORK

- Harlem, NY became the largest black urban community
- Harlem suffered from overcrowding, unemployment and poverty
- However, in the 1920s it was home to a literary and artistic revival known as the Harlem Renaissance
  - Gives us Jazz & Blues
Bird in a Gilded Cage, Arthur J. Lamb (lyrics) and Harry Von Tilzer (music) 1900

The ballroom was filled with fashion's throng,
It shone with a thousand lights,
And there was a woman who passed along,
The fairest of all the sights,
A girl to her lover then softly sighed,
There's riches at her command;
But she married for wealth, not for love, he cried,
Though she lives in a mansion grand.

CHORUS
She's only a bird in a gilded cage,
A beautiful sight to see,
You may think she's happy and free from care,
She's not, though she seems to be,
'Tis sad when you think of her wasted life,
For youth cannot mate with age,
And her beauty was sold,
For an old man's gold,
Lyrics to Reckless Blues

When I wasn't nothin' but a child
    When I wasn't nothin' but a child
All you men tried to drive me wild
    Now I'm growin' old
    Now I'm growin' old
    and I've got what it takes to get all of you men told
My mama says I'm reckless, my daddy says I'm wild
My mama says I'm reckless, my daddy says I'm wild
    I ain't good lookin' but I'm somebody's angel child
    Daddy, mama wants some lovin'
    Daddy, mama wants some huggin’
Darn it pretty papa, mama wants some lovin' I vow
Darn pretty papa, mama wants some lovin' right now
Remember this…..

Flappers = rebellious young women
The fast-changing world of the 1920s produced new roles for women. Many women entered the workplace as nurses, teachers, librarians, & secretaries. However, women earned less than men and were kept out of many traditional male jobs (management) and faced discrimination.
The Not so Roaring 20s

The 20s among the Central Powers
What’s going on in Central Power Countries

- Ottoman Empire = Broken up, Turkey given self-determination rest is colonized into “mandates”
- Austrian Empire = Broken up, but given self determination
- Italy = denied the land that if fought for
German Hyperinflation (1920s)

- The League of Nations enforced the Treaty of Versailles's reparation clause for Germany.
- The total cost was $6,600,000,000.
- Today that would cost $86,613,895,405.25.
• To pay their debts Germany printed more money...then more and more

• By the end of the crisis a 5 mark stamp (yes postage) cost 50 billion marks
### MEASURES OF GERMANY HYPERINFLATION

*Percentage Change in Various Measures of Inflation*

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<td>Feb 1920 to May 1921</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
<td>-37.2%</td>
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<td>May 1921 to July 1922</td>
<td>634.6%</td>
<td>692.2%</td>
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<td>July 1922 to June 1923</td>
<td>18094%</td>
<td>22201%</td>
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<td>July 1923 to Nov 20 1923</td>
<td>854,000,000,000%</td>
<td>381,700,000,000%</td>
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*food until June 1923, thereafter based on all items. These data were calculated by the Statistical Bureau of the Reich. All data are from *The Economics of Inflation: A Study of Currency Depreciation in Post-War Germany* by Costantino Bresciani-Turroni (Augustus Kelley), pp. 30, 33, 35-6.
U.S Aid, allows Germany to pay back loans and remove currency from circulation
Great Depression

Brother can you spare a dime?
OBJ #1 - Describe the **CAUSES** and **SPARK** of the Great Depression. How did **Overproduction** affect both farmers and industry? What system collapsed and caused millions to lose their savings? Explain how buying on Margin created the Spark. How did people lose money because of the spark?

I. OBJ #1 - *Cause & Spark of the Depression*
   
   A. Causes of the Depression
      
      1. **Overproduction**, too much stuff (Factories and Farms)
      2. **Stock Market Crash**,
      3. **Bank Failures**
Until...the Great Depression hits globally

1. Overall US production plummet
2. US Investors have no money to invest
3. German war payments to Allies fall off
4. Allies cannot pay debt to United States

Europeans cannot afford American goods
Everyone is depressed. (Group Max = 3)

You want to fix your nation's problems, but you'll need vast authority to do so. You are going to design a piece of Propaganda to try and convince people to give you "emergency powers"
- Must have obvious Setting and Leader
- Must have a nationalist appeal (feel good phrase)
- Must scape goat somebody (can be domestic or foreign)
- "Glittering Generalities" – Feel good images
YOU HAVE THE POWER

HELP US FIGHT NORTH KOREA!

Lesbos
Totalitarianism- governments with absolute control

In Communism And Fascism
Mussolini

Fascism is the totalitarian philosophy of government that:
1) glorifies the state (nationalism)
2) to the state control over every aspect of national life
3) Believes in expansion
Su loro ricade la colpa!

Und ihr habt doch gesiegt!
Leaders of Fascist Totalitarian Governments

(1922) Benito Mussolini or “Il Duce” – The Leader

(1933) Adolf Hitler “Chancellor” → “Furer” – The Leader
A.C. PVCHETI
IL FASCISMO SCIENTIFICO
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What was Hitler’s Early Life Like

• Born to Alois and Klara Hitler in Austria.
• Mother dies - Hitler blames her Jewish doctor for her death.
• Wanted to be an artist – not accepted into the Vienna Academy of Art
Hitler’s Paintings
Hitler and Mussolini’s Rise P1.

**Mussolini**
- WWI Veteran (not great)
- Arrested for encouraging violence
- Kicked out of Socialist Party
- Became a political agitator and creator of Facism

**Hitler**
- WWI Veteran
- Worked for Germany after WWI as a spy
- Spied on then joined Nazi Party
- (Nazi = Nationalist Socialist)
- Arrested after failed attempt to overthrow the government
Hitler and Mussolini’s Rise

**Mussolini**
- Invited to rule alongside the king
- Used crisis to seize dictatorial power with his supporters the Black Shirts

**Hitler**
- Elected
  - 1932 = 37% of vote
- Used Crisis to seize dictatorial power
- Supported by Brown Shirts
Turn in your reading guides
Hitler (and Mussolini) in Power
Single Party Control

• Rigged Elections
• Freedom of the press was curbed.
• Special courts created to persecute any political opposition.
• National police force created [with a secret police component].
Nazi Police State

- **GESTAPO**: the Secret State Police
- **SS (Schutzstaffel)**: Defense Corps “black shirts”, an elite guard unit formed out of the SA
- **SA (Sturmabteilung)**: Stormtroopers "brown-shirts" early private Nazi army that protected leaders and opposed rival political parties
- **Wehrmacht**: German army
- **HJ (Hitler Jugend)**: Hitler Youth
- **Einstazgruppen**: Nazi Death Squad; mobile killing units
- **Volk**: all inclusive concept of nation, people and race, implying the superiority of German culture and race; led to policy of Volksgemeinschaft (idea of a harmonized racial Nazi community in government policies and programs)
Why put up with a Totalitarian Government?
Propaganda - ex) Youth Movements

Italy

Germany
Propaganda Continued

Mussolini Headquarters

Hitler

Renowned Orator

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnpTWKKWQ1o
Often found in Buddhist/Hindu Shrines
(Both) State control of the economy

From this..... to this...

How? Stability, Ignoring the TOV, and
1) Rebuilding the military  2) decrease unemployment
Downsides of the “new economy”

- Almost exclusively male-dominated.
- Traditional gender roles are made more rigid.
- Women fired from jobs and told to make babies
Downsides of the “new economy”

- Hitler also went after Non “Aryan” businesses
- Hitler’s belief that Aryan Germans were the “Master Race” – blond hair, blue eyes, strong and disciplined
- **1935 Nuremburg Laws**
  - Stripped Jews of Citizenship
- **1938 Kristallnacht**
  - Jews attacked on streets
Totalitarianism in Communism

- Command Economy (Economy planned and directed by government)
- Stalin took away land from farmers and put it into "collectives," where the government owns & controls it.
- With government control of the entire economy, Stalin wanted to industrialize Russia in 5 years

The 5 Year Plan Required:
- 250,000 tractors! Woah! :o
- Oil fields to provide the necessary petrol to drive the machines
- Power stations to supply the farms with electricity.

In 1928 Stalin Demanded:
- 111% increase in coal production
- 200% increase in iron production
- 335% increase in electric power
- Why? He claimed that without rapid industrialization, the U.S.S.R. would not be able to defend itself against an invasion from capitalist countries in the west.

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In order to complete his ambitious plans, Stalin had to force workers to comply.

He established gulags, or work camps to punish citizens resisted.

He called these citizens “enemies of the people.”

In the “Great Purges” Millions of Russians died in these camps.

Gulags provided a form of indirect extermination and cheap labor.
“A single death is a tragedy, a million deaths is a statistic.”
These figures illustrate “democide,” or murder by government according to the web site below.

You’ll note that Russia, or the USSR is at the top of the list

- **61,911,000 killed**
- **70 Years**
- **884,442 killed per year**
- **884,442 killed/yr**
- **365 Days**
- **2,423 killed per day**

### TABLE 1
#### 20th Century Democide

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<td>20,946</td>
<td>762</td>
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<td>741</td>
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<td>672</td>
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| WORLD TOTAL | 1900-87 | 169,202 | 129,547 | 38,656 .09 [6] |

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1. Virtually final figures, except for minor additions. Includes genocide, policiide, and mass murder; excludes war-dead. These are most probable mid-estimates in low to high ranges. Figures may not sum due to round off.
2. The percent of a population killed in democide per year of the regime
5. The rate is the average of that for three successive periods.
6. The world annual rate is calculated for the 1944 global population
Totalitarianism in Communism

• What is the difference between Communism and Fascism again?
  – BOTH trend towards totalitarian governments to enforce a specific ideology
  – However- Fascism believes in the inherent superiority of its nation to those of others (hierarchy) vs. Communism is inherently egalitarian
  – Also- Fascism believe the needs of the STATE come before the needs of the people, and Communism believe the needs of the PEOPLE “should” come before the needs of the state