

Dictatorship and Democracy in Europe, 1920-1945

Headings	Notes
Dictatorship and Democracy was the topic for the Documents-Based Question (DBQ) in 2016, 2017, 2024 and 2025.	
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [DBQ] What was the impact of Stalin's show trials on Soviet Russia?
2023 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent did the regimes of Lenin and Stalin bring about economic and social change? During the period 1920-1945, what problems faced France and how effectively were they tackled? What was the contribution of two of the following to Nazi propaganda: the Nuremburg Rallies; Joseph Goebbels; Leni Riefenstahl? What were key developments in church-state relations under Mussolini and Hitler?
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the main characteristics of fascist regimes in Europe, 1920-1945? How did Josef Stalin transform the Soviet economy and/or use show trials to consolidate his power? What were the challenges facing France in peace and war, 1920-1945? How successfully did two of the following address the problems facing Britain during the period 1920-1945: J.M. Keynes; the Jarrow March, 1936; Winston Churchill?
2022 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who brought about greater change in Russia, Lenin or Stalin? Argue your case referring to both. How effective was Mussolini as leader of the Italian people, 1922-1945? What were the social and economic problems facing Britain, 1920-1939, and how effectively were they tackled? From your study of Nazi Germany, what did you learn about two of the following: church-state relations; the Nuremberg rallies; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust?
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did Italy and/or Germany embrace dictatorship in the inter-war period? What were the main social and economic challenges facing Britain during the period 1920-1939? What were the characteristics of Stalin's leadership during peace and war? What was the impact of Anglo-American popular culture on Europe?
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the main characteristics of Italian fascism under Mussolini? To what extent did Hitler's foreign policy, 1933-1939, contribute to the outbreak of World War II? Would you agree that Stalin transformed the Soviet Union, 1924-1945? From your study of Great Britain, 1920-1945, what did you learn about two of the following: J.M. Keynes; the success or failure of the Jarrow March, October 1936; life on the Home Front during World War II?

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2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which had the greater social and economic problems during the inter-war period, Britain or Germany? Argue your case, referring to both.• What were the main characteristics of Stalin's rule in Russia?• During the period 1920-1945, how did anti-Semitism and the Holocaust affect Europe?• From your study of World War II, what did you learn about two of the following: wartime alliances; the Home Front; Vichy France?
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the inter-war years, what were the characteristics of fascist regimes in Europe?• During the period 1920-1939, what social and economic problems faced Britain and how effectively were they tackled?• What did you learn about Stalin's leadership from his handling of one or more of the following: the Soviet economy; the show trials; wartime alliances, 1939-1945?• How did developments in technology affect warfare during World War II?
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did Hitler and the Nazi party secure absolute control over Germany in the period 1920-1938?• What problems faced France in the years 1920-1945, and to what extent were these problems overcome?• How effective a leader was Winston Churchill or Josef Stalin during World War II?• What was the contribution to cinema of one or more of the following: Charlie Chaplin; Leni Riefenstahl; Bing Crosby?
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [DBQ] What were the aims of the Jarrow March and to what extent were they achieved?
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [DBQ] What did the Nuremberg Rallies and/or Joseph Goebbels contribute to Nazi propaganda?
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What were the social and economic problems facing Germany, 1920-1939, and how were they dealt with?• How did Mussolini and/or Stalin use propaganda and terror to remain in power?• To what extent did Hitler's foreign policy, 1933-1939, contribute to the outbreak of World War II?• What were the economic and social problems of Britain during the inter-war years and/or what was the impact of World War II on its civilian population?
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did the Jarrow March (1936) illustrate the social and economic problems facing Britain during the inter-war period?• How did church-state relations develop under Mussolini and Hitler?• What were the fortunes of France during the period 1920-1945?

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2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What challenges faced the Soviet Union in peace and war, 1924-1945?
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What were the characteristics of fascist regimes in Europe in the inter-war period?• How did Stalin transform the Soviet economy and/or use show trials to consolidate his power?• What were the challenges facing Britain in peace and war, 1920-1945?• What did you learn about radio and cinema, 1920-1945, from your study of one or more of the following: Charlie Chaplin; Leni Riefenstahl; Bing Crosby?
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What were the main challenges facing France, 1920-1945?• What were the main characteristics of Stalin's rule in Russia?• To what extent was Hitler's foreign policy, 1933-1939, responsible for the outbreak of World War II?• How did anti-Semitism and the Holocaust affect Europe, 1920-1945?
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To what extent did Lenin and/or Stalin bring about social and economic change?• How effective were the internal and external policies of Benito Mussolini?• What were the main characteristics of the Nazi state in Germany, 1933-1939?• What did one or more of the following achieve in Britain during the period 1920- 1945: J.M. Keynes; those who took part in the Jarrow March, October 1936; Winston Churchill?
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How successfully did German governments deal with the social and economic problems of the period 1920-1939?• How effective were the internal and external policies of Josef Stalin?• What were the main developments in church-state relations under Hitler and Mussolini?• What was the impact of Anglo-American popular culture on Europe, 1920-1945?
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why was France unstable during the period, 1920-1940?• How did dictators use propaganda and/or terror to maintain their power?• What were the main social and economic challenges facing Britain, 1920-1945?• What did you learn about World War II from your study of one or more of the following: wartime alliances; collaboration/resistance; technology of warfare?
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did Lenin and Stalin contribute to communism in Russia?• Which had the greater social and economic problems during the inter-war years, Britain or Germany? Argue your case, referring to both countries.• What contribution did Joseph Goebbels and/or Leni Riefenstahl make to Nazi propaganda?• What was the impact of World War II on the civilian population of Britain and/or France?

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2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What problems did the Third Republic of France encounter between 1920 and 1940?• What were the main characteristics of the Nazi state in Germany between 1933 and 1939?• What were the causes and the consequences of the Jarrow March, October, 1936?• How significant was the role played by the Soviet Union in World War II?
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the inter-war period, what conditions in Europe contributed to the growth of fascist regimes?• To what extent did Stalin transform the society and economy of the Soviet Union?• How successfully did Britain deal with the social and economic problems of the inter-war period?• What developments took place in the technology of warfare during the period, 1920 - 1945?