**II. Fascism in Europe**

1. Rise of Mussolini
* Italy was upset that they did not gain more land after WWI
* Also had high inflation and high unemployment
* Wanted a leader who could take action
* Promised to rescue Italy’s economy and strengthen its army

B. Mussolini Takes Control

* Creates Fascist Party in 1919
* **Fascism –**
* Believes that rights and wrongs do not exist
* **1922 –**
* Came to power legally
* **Il Duce –**
* **“Black Shirts” –**
* Mussolini abolished democracy
* Outlaws other political parties
* Put all opponents in jail

C. Rise of Hitler

* **Weimar Republic -**
* Faced major problems
* 1 -
* 2 -
* 3 -
* Born in Austria
* Applies to Imperial Art Academy
* Rejected for his lack of talent
* Twice awarded the Iron Cross for bravery in WWI
* **1920 –**
* **Der Fuhrer –**
* **Beer Hall Putsh (1923) –**

D. Mein Kampf

* Hitler is sent to prison
* Writes Mein Kampf (My Struggle)
* Main points become the blue print for the Nazi Party

Main Points

* **1 - Aryans –**
* **Social Darwinism –**
* **Biological Determinism** –
* Hitler used these beliefs to argue that inferior people needed to be eliminated because he claimed that they were polluting the superior race
* 2 -
* 3 – **Lebensraum –**
* 4 –

E. Results of Mein Kampf

* Most people ignored the book and few people read it

F. Hitler Becomes Chancellor

* When the economies around the world crumbled that drastic changes were needed
* **1932 –**
* Weimar Republic believed that they could control Hitler
* **1933 –**
* Hitler also came legally to power
* **February 27, 1933 –**

G. Hitler is Supreme

* **Enabling Act (1934) –**
* Banned other political parties
* **SS –**
* **1936 –**