Rise of Totalitarianism

Reading Response Questions

Directions: Read Chapter 25 of our TCI World History textbook, pages 389-409. Answer the following questions in **complete sentences** on a **separate piece** of binder paper. **Cite evidence from the reading** to support each of your answers.

1. What is a totalitarian government? How would you say it's different from a democratic government?

Italy (pgs. 391-395)

2. What factors encouraged the development of totalitarian government in Italy?
3. Who was the primary leader who took power in Italy? What was the name of his political party?
4. What methods did the leader use to take power?
5. In what ways did the leader appeal to the people? Why might some people have liked him?
6. What actions did the leader take to control the country the way he wanted?

Germany (pgs. 396-400)

7. What factors, or issues, encouraged the development of a totalitarian government in Germany?
8. Who was the primary leader who took power in Germany? What was the name of his political party?
9. What methods did the leader use to take power in Germany?
10. In what ways did the leader appeal to the people? Why might some people have liked him?
11. What actions did the leader of Germany take to control the country the way he wanted? How did he maintain power?

Spain (pgs. 401-402)

12. What factors led to the Spanish Civil War?
13. Who emerged as the right-wing leader during the Spanish Civil War? What was the name of his political party?
14. Which foreign leaders supported the Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War? What support did they give?

Soviet Union (pgs. 403-405)

15. What factors encouraged the development of a totalitarian government in the Soviet Union?
16. Who was the primary leader who took power? What was the name of his political party?
17. What methods did the leader use to take power?
18. In what ways did the leader appeal to the people? Why might some people have liked him?
19. What actions did the leader take to control the country?