Chapter 19 Between The Wars

Questions

1. Discuss France's foreign policy problems after the Versailles Treaty. By what means could it best obtain security? Was the invasion of the Ruhr wise? Should France have signed the Locarno pact? Should it have made an alliance with Soviet Russia? Justify your response

2. Why were Britain and France "joyless victors"? What weakness did each state suffer from?

3. Did the Great War change British politics? Discuss the decline and fall of the Liberal party. How successful was the general strike of 1926? How did Ireland win its independence?

4. What problems did the disappearance of the Hapsburg empire cause in central Europe? Why did most of the successor states fall under authoritarian rule? Why did Czechoslovakia remain democratic?

5. Could the Weimar Republic have taken root in Germany, or was its failure inevitable? Between 1919 and 1929, what were the republic’s greatest weaknesses? Strengths? To what extent did its fate depend on personalities?

6. Define fascism. How and why did the Fascists succeed in obtaining power in Italy? What tactics did they use? To whom did they appeal? To what extent does Mussolini deserve the credit for success? To what extent did success depend on the effectiveness of the opposition?

7. "There were few or no differences between right-wing and left-wing dictatorships in the 1920's." Evaluate this statement with specific reference to fascism and communism. Do you agree or disagree?

8. Why did Lenin institute the New Economic Policy? Was it successful? Could the Russian Revolution have succeeded without Lenin? How important was he in changing the history of the 20th century?

1. Post war economics
2. Reasons for The Great Depression
3. John Maynard Keynes
4. Sinn Fein IRA
5. Blue Horizon Chamber/politics in France/popular front
6. War Communism
7. NEP
8. Stalin rise to power
9. 5 Year Plans
10. Kulaks
11. Collectivization
12. Great Purges
13. Fascism
14. Mussolini
15. March on Rome
16. Lateran Accords
17. Problems in the Weimar Republic
18. Ruhr invasion
19. The Nazi Party
20. Hitler early years
21. Peace Attempts
22. Hitler’s rise to power
23. Enabling law/act
24. Nuremburg Laws
25. Kristallnacht
26. Societal ideologies
27. Common problems in the new eastern European states