**Unit 7 Study Guide**

1. **What family ruled Russia for 300 years? Romanov**
2. **The Russian Revolution’s roots begin in what 19th century event? Industrial Revolution**
3. **What happened to the number of factories in Russia between 1863-1900? Doubled quickly; rapid industrialization**
4. **Who was Karl Marx? German who created the theory of Communism**
5. **What is the proletariat? Working Class**
6. **Who were the Mensheviks? Who were the Bolsheviks? Who was the leader of the Bolsheviks?**

**Mensheviks- Whites (loyal to Romanov)**

**Bolsheviks- Reds (communists) leader is Lenin**

1. **Why did Russia exit WWI before it was over? Because of the Russian Civil war after the Russian revolution**
2. **Who was Rasputin? Advisor to Alexandra and the Romanov family**
3. **The March Revolution of 1917 caused Tsar Nicholas II to abdicate. What does abdicate mean? Give up or step down**
4. **What happened to the Tsar and his family? Imprisoned in jail and then executed**
5. **In 1918 civil war broke out in Russia. What two groups fought in the war? Who won? Bolsheviks and Mensheviks and the Bolsheviks (communist) won**
6. **What does USSR stand for? What type of government system did the Soviets institute in Russia? Union of Soviet Socialist Republic**
7. **Who took over control of the USSR after Lenin’s death? Joseph Stalin**
8. **What was the Weimar Republic? The German government established after WW1 that failed due to the economic depression**
9. **What kind of crisis did Germany face after WWI? Economic depression as the German Mark become worthless due to inflation**
10. **What happened to the value of the German Mark (currency)? Devalued became worthless**
11. **The worldwide economy was dependent on? US**
12. **What happened on October 29, 1929? Stock market crash in the US**
13. **What did the collapse trigger? Worldwide depression**
14. **What is Fascism? What country fell to fascism? Form of government seeking absolute obedience to the state and the loyalty to the leader**
15. **Who is Benito Mussolini? What social class was drawn to his cause? Fascist leader in Italy during the 1920s and 19330s ; Middle Class**
16. **What form of government did Mussolini outlaw when he took control? Democracy**
17. **Who was Adolf Hitler? What political party did he join? Became the leader of the Nazi party and eventually Germany; Nazi party**
18. **Why was Hitler thrown in jail? What did he write while in jail? For trying to take over the government in Munich; Mien Kompf (my struggle)**
19. **What did Hitler argue in his book? That the Jews were responsible for the end of WW1 and the economic troubles in Germany**
20. **What is Lebensraum? Living space**
21. **What happened to Hitler in 1932? Elected as chancellor of Germany**
22. **What was Kristallnacht? Night of broken glass; night that Germany attacked Jewish synagogues and businesses**
23. **What is appeasement? What two countries continually used appeasement? To give in order to maintain peace; France and Great Britain**
24. **The Soviet Union and Germany signed what in August of 1939? Nonaggression Pact**
25. **What happened on Sept. 1, 1939? Germany invade Poland starting World War 2**
26. **Who were the Axis Powers? Who were the Allied Powers?**

**Axis- Germany, Japan, Italy**

**Allies- Great Britain, Soviet Union (USSR), and USA**

1. **What happened on Dec. 7, 1941? Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor**
2. **Why was Stalingrad a turning point for the Allies in Europe? The German advance into the Soviet Union was stopped**
3. **What happened to the German commander (Rommel) and his forces in North Africa? Defeated by the allies allowing them to launch an assault on Italy**
4. **Why is the Battle of Midway a turning point in the Pacific? Stopped Japanese advancement in the Pacific**
5. **What was Operation Overlord? Code name of the invasion into Europe Through France D-Day**
6. **Why is the Battle of the Bulge significant? Last major offensive battle by Germany in Europe in winter of 1944 and 1945**
7. **What happened at the Yalta Conference? The Potsdam Conference?**

**Yalta- to propose the United Nations and how to divide Germany after the war**

**Potsdam- conference of the allied powers issuing Japan an ultimatum**

1. **What was the Manhattan Project? The program to develop and test the first atomic weapon**
2. **What is the Battle of Berlin significant? last major battle of WW2**
3. **What happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki? USA dropped the atomic Bomb**
4. **What is genocide? The systemic elimination of one group by another**
5. **What was the Final Solution? The decision at the Wannsee Conference to eliminate all Jews**
6. **What was the holocaust? The targeting of different groups such as Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, Imprisoner of War, Mentally and Physically handicapped by the Germans**
7. **What group(s) of people where targeted during the Holocaust? See above**
8. **What was Auschwitz? What was Dachau? What was Bergen-Belsen? Death/concentration camps**
9. **What is the estimated number of people killed during the Holocaust? 6 million Jews, 4-6 million other “inferiors”**
10. **What was created after WWII for the Jewish people? Jerusalem**
11. **What were the Nuremberg Trials? Trials that sought to convict Nazi members of war crimes**

**Short Answer:**

* **What were the causes of the Russian Revolution and what was the ultimate outcome?**
* **How are the causes of WWII rooted in the outcome of WWI?**
* **Compare the rise of fascism in Italy with the rise of Nazism in Germany. What do they have in common and what is different?**