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Review Questions

•How did the depression of 1929–39 affect the recovery from World War I? Please discuss the effects on different countries, such as, Germany, the USA, the USSR, Japan.

•How important were thugs in the rise of fascism in Italy and Germany? What roles did they play? Why did people decide in large numbers to follow them?

•Compare fascism and communism in terms of: (1) power of the state; (2) power of the leader; (3) role of private property; (4) value put on warfare; (5) willingness to enter international, diplomatic relations with other nations as an equal; and (6) individual human rights?

•Warfare had an effect on the role of women, but the effect was different in different countries. Discuss these differences and similarities in the USA, the USSR, Germany, and Japan.

•Elie Wiesel reports losing his faith not only in his fellow humans but also in God as a result of his experiences in the Holocaust. How does this compare with other responses to this disaster and to the atomic bombing of Japan?

•What are the reasons given for the Cold War between the USA and the USSR? Which reason do you think was most significant?