






# The Rise of Nationalism, 1922–1941





 Fascist dictatorship  
 Communist dictatorship  
 Imperialist military regime


0 750 1,500 miles  
 0 750 1,500 kilometers


**Joseph Stalin** grabs control of the Soviet Union in 1924 and squelches all opposition after V. I. Lenin, founder of the communist regime, dies.


**Adolf Hitler** offers economic stability to unemployed Germans during the Great Depression and becomes chancellor in 1933.


**Benito Mussolini** rises to power in 1922 and attempts to restore Italy to its former position as a world power.


**Francisco Franco** leads the rebel Nationalist army to victory in Spain and gains complete control of the country in 1939.


**Hideki Tojo**, the force behind Japanese strategy, becomes Japan's prime minister in 1941. Emperor Hirohito becomes a powerless figurehead.

## GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER

- Region** In which countries did authoritarian leaders come to power? Who were the leaders?
- Location** What geographic features might have led Japan to expand?

