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World Wars and India's Role

We learn the following in this chapter

- The First World War
- The rise of dictators
- The Second World War
- India's role in the World Wars

THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914–1918)

Causes of the First World War

- Rivalry among European powers for colonies and markets
- Industrial Revolution increased competition
- Rise of nationalism and imperialism
- Formation of military alliances
    - Triple Alliance: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy
    - Triple Entente: Britain, France, Russia

Immediate Cause

- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (1914)

Course of the War

- War started in 1914 and lasted till 1918
- USA later joined the Allies
- Russia withdrew after the 1917 Revolution
- Germany and allies were defeated

Results of the War

- Treaty of Versailles (1919) punished Germany
- Austria-Hungary and Ottoman Empire collapsed
- League of Nations was formed
- Many new countries emerged in Europe

Effects of the War

- Economic crisis and unemployment in Germany
- Rise of extreme nationalism
- Rise of dictators like Hitler and Mussolini
- Seeds of Second World War were sown

RISE OF DICTATORS

ADOLF HITLER (Germany)

- Leader of Nazi Party
- Became dictator (Führer)
- Promoted Aryan racial superiority
- Blamed Jews, Communists, and others
- Created fear through propaganda and secret police
- Holocaust: killing of about 6 million Jews
- Led Germany into World War II

BENITO MUSSOLINI (Italy)

- Founder of Fascist Party
- Became dictator in 1925
- Suppressed opposition and trade unions
- Promoted militarism and imperial expansion
- Allied with Hitler

THE SECOND WORLD WAR (1939–1945)

Causes

- Treaty of Versailles humiliation
- Rise of dictators
- Economic depression of 1930s
- Expansionist policies of Germany, Italy, Japan

Formation of Blocs

- Axis Powers: Germany, Italy, Japan
- Allied Powers: Britain, France, USSR, USA

Major Events

- 1939: Germany invaded Poland → War begins
- Germany conquered many European countries
- 1941: Germany attacked USSR
- 1942: Battle of Stalingrad (turning point)
- 1945: Germany defeated, Hitler committed suicide
- USA dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Japan surrendered in 1945

Results

- Formation of United Nations (UN)
- USA and USSR became superpowers
- Start of Cold War
- End of European colonialism began

IN WORLD WARS AND INDIA'S ROLE

India in World War I

- India was under British rule
- Supported Britain with soldiers and resources
- About 1.5 million Indian soldiers participated
- Supplied food, weapons, animals, and raw materials
- Indian states like Mysore supported Britain financially

Mysore Lancers Contribution

- Fought in Egypt, Gaza, Palestine, Syria
- Played major role in British victory in Middle East

India in World War II

- Indian soldiers fought in Africa, Europe, and Asia
- Indian Army gained experience and confidence
- British used Indian resources heavily
- INA (Indian National Army) was formed under Subhash Chandra Bose
- Indians contributed to Allied victory

IMPACT OF WORLD WARS ON INDIA

- Increased political awareness
- Strengthened freedom struggle
- Rise of nationalist leaders
- Weakening of British Empire
- India moved closer to independence



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