



# YEAR 11 HISTORY (Twentieth Century History 1918-39))

## SEMESTER ONE

### TOPICS

#### Unit 1

In Unit 1 students explore the nature of political, social and cultural change in the period between the world wars.

The period after World War One was characterised by significant social and cultural change in the contrasting decades of the 1920s and 1930s. New fascist governments used the military, education and propaganda to impose controls on the way people lived, to exclude particular groups of people and to silence criticism. In Germany, the persecution of the Jewish people became intensified. In the USSR, millions of people were forced to work in state-owned factories and farms and had limited personal freedom. Japan became increasingly militarised and anti-western. In the USA, the consumerism and material progress of the 1920s was tempered by the Great Crash of 1929. Writers, artists, musicians, choreographers and filmmakers reflected, promoted or resisted political, economic and social changes.

#### Area of Study 1 Ideology and Conflict

In this area of study students explore the events, ideologies and movements of the period after World War One; the emergence of conflict; and the causes of World War Two. They investigate the impact of the treaties which ended the Great War and which redrew the map of Europe and broke up the former empires of the defeated nations. They consider the aims, achievements and limitations of the League of Nations.

#### Area of Study 2 Social and Cultural Change

Germany's defeat in World War One ushered in a new political system, as the former German Empire became a republic. The new political regime based at Weimar was perhaps the most democratic regime in the world at that time. It coincided with a period of new cultural expression, but also with significant economic and social upheaval as Germany experienced the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles, hyperinflation and the worldwide Great Depression of the 1930's. The great flowering of avant-garde culture in 1920's Germany was promptly halted in 1933 under the Nazi government

### ASSESSMENT

SAC One – SOURCE ANALYSIS (Term 1, week 5)

SAC Two – ESSAY (Term 2, week 1)

SAC Three – EXTENDED RESPONSE (Term 2, week 4)

SAC Four – SOURCE ANALYSIS (Term 2, week 7)