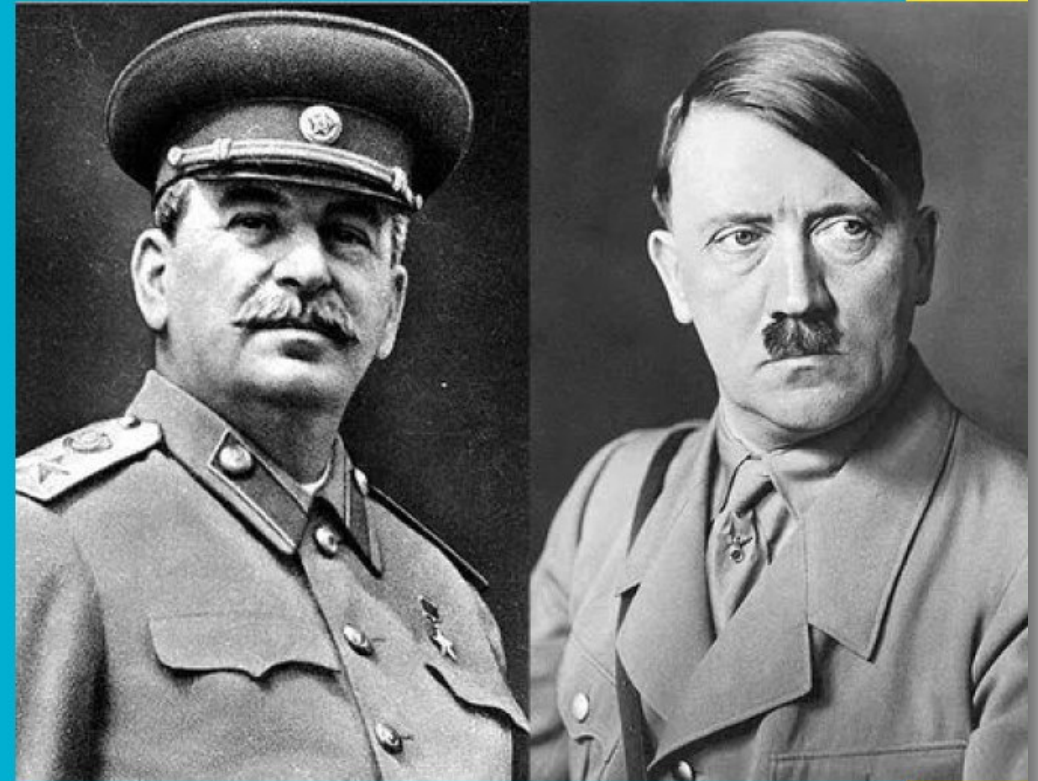


Defend your Dictator

He's our guy!



Student Led Activity



Activity notes ...

This is an opportunity for students to ...

- Learn about dictatorship / democracy
- Research dictators of their choosing
- Work in teams + learn independently
- Get creative
- Take on leadership roles
- Produce work in a way that suits

You can decide how many teams / dictators you want to include based on class size. You could also run this as a competition between classes with each class taking on the defence of one dictator of their choosing. You can adapt, add, remove rounds as you see fit.

You can also choose to use **'Power Cards'** of choosing to spice up the activity. Allowing team lawyers to negotiate which teams get which cards can be a fun way to start the activity.

If you run the activity and have any suggestions I would love to hear about it.

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Defend Your Dictator Challenge



Mission - to prove that your chosen dictator is the most powerful and effective.

	Round	Who	Content Focus	Method / How	
1	Opening Statements	Lawyer 1	3 main strengths of 'your guy'	Short written speech	10
2	Draw Something	Team Artists	Use of fear and terror / police state	Any presentable medium of choice	10
3	Dictator Orator	The Dictator	A take down of democracy	Live or recorded speech / video	10
4	Something Different	The Oddballs	Control of the media	Any creative way of choice	10
5	Propaganda Factory	Propagandists	Attack rivals / elevate your dictator	Video, news segment, poster, other?	10
6	Prove it!	The Professors	Religion	Show and tell of found evidence	10
7	Superfan	Superfan + Lawyer	Hearts and minds	Interview / dialogue	10
8	Debate	Debate Vanguard + Whole Team	1 - Economy 2 - Scapegoats	Team debate	10
9	Quizzes	Masterminds + Whole Team	The political system / elections	Creation of playable quizzes.	10
10	Closing Statements	Lawyer 2	Highlight the key strengths / successes of your dictatorship	Short written speech / conclusion	10

Round 1 = Opening Statements

By - Team Lawyer 1



You have 1 minute to set out your KEY arguments.

Perhaps 3 main points **why YOUR dictator was the most powerful and effective of all the dictators.**



Lawyers 1 and 2 may also act as **Team Captains**. Your job is to help coordinate the whole team, offer help where needed and make sure everyone does their bit for the activity.

Round 2 = 'Draw' Something

By - Team Artists

You are the **Team Artists**. Your role is to create a fantastic piece or pieces of artwork in any shareable medium of choice. It doesn't have to be a drawing!

YOUR creation should demonstrate how your dictator was able to frighten their population via the use of fear and terror.



Round 3 = Dictator Orator

By - The Dictator



You ARE the **DICTATOR**. Your task is to deliver a dramatic, powerful, persuasive propaganda speech. **This speech should attack democracy, say why it is weak and how / why authoritarian dictatorships are superior in EVERY way.** How did you destroy democracy in your country?

Bonus points for being in character and costume?

Round 4 = And Now For Something Completely Different



By - The Oddballs

You ARE the **Oddballs**. There is no guidance here other than try to get creative, unique, bizarre in your chosen method of delivery.

Content focus = Control of the Media.



Round 5 = The Propagandist

By - Minister for Propaganda and Enlightenment

Your job is to create a perfect piece of propaganda - this could be a presentation, video, news report, poster or something else.

Ideas ...

- Attack a political / domestic rival.
- Portray your dictator as a father figure.
- Portray your dictator as a holy person.
- Show how one of the other dictators is weak.
- Make your country look like heaven on earth.



Round 6 = Prove it!

By - The Professors

You are the team's top researcher. Find 3 pieces of reliable evidence that demonstrate how your dictator managed to **control or eliminate the influence of religion in your country.**



Try to use a range of sources ...
then show and explain them.

Round 7 = The Superfan

By - Devotee and Lawyer

Your task is to create an interview or dialogue between one of the team **Lawyers** and a chosen **Superfan** - a devoted follower of your dictator.

Your focus is how your dictator has managed to win over the Hearts and Minds of the **Superfan** and the general population. Why is the dictator loved by so many people?



Round 8 = Debate Vanguard

By - The Vanguard

The **Vanguard's** job is to prepare for and lead the rest of the team in a short, focused debate.

Round 1 - how your dictator has been able to **improve the economy**.

Then rebuttals from others.

Round 2 - how your dictator was able to create a **brilliant scapegoat**.

Then rebuttals from others



Round 9 = Quizzes

By - The Masterminds

Your task is to create a 10 question 'playable' quiz. The focus here is on how your dictator managed to control the **Political System and Election Process**. Use Google Forms, Kahoot, Quizziz?

Suggestion for teachers - you may want to provide a suitable article or website for **Masterminds** to use as a focus for their quiz questions - this also to allow other students to study in preparation for a quiz.

You could award marks for quiz quality / suitability and also bonuses for the team / individual that score highest on the class quiz.



Round 10 = Closing Statements

By - Lawyer 2



A final closing - wrap up - conclusion ...

- What have you proven about your dictator?
 - Why can nothing stand in his way?
- Which barriers to dictatorship have you been most successful in eliminating?

Power Card Option for Defend Your Dictator Activity

Time Jump

Skip round of choice (not debate)
+ get full points.

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Skip round of choice (not debate)
+ get full points.

Bonus

Gives you 6 free
points at the start.

Boost

Doubles your points for
the round - play before round.

Damage

Takes 6 points away from
one other team.

Reducer

Half the points for another team's
round - play before round.

Time Jump

Skip round of choice (not debate)
+ get full points.

Tie Fighter

If the points are tied OR within 4
points at the end - your team wins.

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