"Hitler and Mussolini walk into a bar..." Consolidation of Power Activity

IB History

**Instructions:**

Now that we are on our third totalitarian dictator, it is time to do some compare and contrast. Working in trios, you are going to be create a dialogue that examines how Mussolini in Italy and Hitler in Germany consolidated power and became sole ruler of their nation state. Your dialogue should attempt to evaluate how each man became leader of a single party state and what similarities/differences are present. Consider elements like legal maneuvering, use of force, failures of opposition, taking advantage of external events, etc…

Your dialogues should be approximately 3-5 minutes in length and allow the evaluation of each man’s power once they took on the role as dictator:

Mussolini-1927

Hitler- 1934

**Script Planning**

Mussolini will be played by:

Hitler will be played by:

Moderator (if an odd number of students):

Setting:

Points to Discuss