Essay

Several authoritarian regimes rose to power in the 20th century, including: Chile and Pinochet, Cambodia and Pol Pot, Cuba and Castro, Soviet Union from Lenin to Gorbachev, North Korea and the Kim dynasty, China and Mao, Germany and Hitler, and Italy and Mussolini. Write a multi-paragraph four page double-spaced essay exploring the conditions that facilitated the rise of authoritarian states, the methods used by the parties and leaders to take and maintain power, or the aims and impacts of their economic, political, and social policies. Make sure that your essay is word-processed, titled and includes your name. Use correct conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation) and clear word choice. Maintain effective organization throughout the paper by presenting a logical progression of ideas linked together with transitions between sentences and paragraphs. While planning your essay, be sure to conduct research so you can provide a detailed and accurate response.

Choose a Topic:

How did economic, social and political conditions contribute to the rise to power of two authoritarian leaders?
By what methods, and with what success, did two authoritarian leaders try to eliminate domestic opposition?
Examine the status of women, the role of education, or the role of propaganda in two authoritarian regimes.
Evaluate the treatment of religious groups and minorities in two authoritarian regimes.

	Emerging / Developing	Proficient	Extending
Significance		Assesses significance with a broad and clear understanding.	
Evidence		Evaluates evidence to select a wide range of credible supporting material.	
Continuity & Change		Compares continuity and change in a connected and organized way.	
Cause & Consequence		Analyzes cause and consequence with accurate and detailed reasoning.	

Self-Assessment:

Teacher-Assessment: