Organizing your Essay

You can organize your essay any way you would like. The point of Friday’s discussion about organizing your essay was for you to start planning ahead on how to use your time wisely during the test.

These are just suggestions…

Paragrph 1

1) Introduction which could include an explanation of totalitarianism, a comparison to Western democracies, and provide a road map of sorts to what you will talk about in your body paragraphs.

2) Introduction which could talk about post-WWI circumstances in Europe and provide a road map to the content of your body paragraphs.

Body Paragraphs

1) organize by ideology
   a. explain ideology
   b. explain causes for the rise of the ideology
   c. explain where and how it was carried out (specific examples with regard to racism, expansionism, nationalism, control over society, collectivism, censorship, intimidation, propaganda etc.)

2) organize by country
   a. explain ideology in each country
   b. explain causes for the rise of the ideology
   c. explain how it was carried out (specific examples with regard to racism, expansionism, nationalism, control over society, collectivism, censorship, intimidation, propaganda etc.)

3) organize by different segments of time (1917-early twenties, mid-late twenties, thirties)

There are certainly other ways that you can do this as talked about in class, but these three seem to be the clear cut ways that we came up with.

Conclusion

Sum up your ideas, give an opinion, make a statement about the time period or the world divided by ideologies…The sky is the limit on your conclusion, but make sure that it is a serious conclusion in into which you have put effort. A couple of sentences that are really general and don’t show any effort will not cut it.