

## Militarism in Japan

1. During the 20 years after Mussolini's March on Rome (1922), many other countries, faced with severe economic problems, followed the examples of Italy and Germany and turned to fascism or right-wing nationalism.
2. In Japan the democratically elected government, increasingly embarrassed by economic, financial and political problems, fell under the influence of the army in the early 1930s.
3. The military soon involved Japan in war with China, and later took the country into the Second World War with its attack on Pearl Harbor (1941).
4. After a brilliant start, the Japanese eventually suffered defeat and devastation when the two atomic bombs were dropped.
5. After the Second World War, Japan returned to democracy and made a remarkable recovery, soon becoming one of the world's most powerful states economically

