

WHY DID SO MANY PEOPLE VOLUNTEER TO FIGHT IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Key Words	Definition
Fascism	A far-right political ideology that believes in dictatorship and the use of violence and war to achieve its aims. Fascists were also often racist and antisemitic.
Democracy	"Rule of the people", a political system based on free elections
Pacifism	A belief that war is wrong and should be avoided at all costs
Appeasement	An approach to foreign policy based on trying to negotiate in order to avoid conflict
Spanish Civil War	A civil war in Spain between Republicans (who supported democracy) and Nationalists (who wanted a dictatorship)
International Brigades	The organisation of around 35,000 volunteers from over 50 countries who fought for the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War
Conceptual Focus	Explanation
Causation	We are investigating the many factors that caused men and women from around the world to travel to Spain to fight for the Republicans. You must understand that such a big decision as going to fight in a foreign war involved many different reasons coming together, such as anti-fascism, the failure of pacifism and appeasement, events in Spain and issues such as racism and antisemitism.

Key Individuals	Who were they?	Key Dates	What happened?
Benito Mussolini	Fascist dictator of Italy	1922	Mussolini and his Fascist Party become rulers of Italy
Adolf Hitler	Fascist dictator of Germany	1933	Hitler and his Nazi party become rulers of Germany
Oswald Mosley	British Fascist leader of the BUF	1934	Mosley's BUF reach the height of their popularity
Neville Chamberlain	British Prime Minister in the late 1930s who followed the policy of appeasement	1935	Mussolini's Italy invades Ethiopia
General Franco	Leader of the Spanish rebels in the Civil War	July 1936	General Franco leads a rebellion against the left-wing government of Spain, triggering a civil war
Tom Clarke	Scottish International Brigade volunteer motivated to go to Spain by the failure of appeasement	Late July 1936	Hitler and Mussolini agree to help Franco by sending weapons, planes and tanks to the Francoists
Albert Charlesworth	English International Brigade volunteer motivated to go to Spain by events in Spain	August 1936	Britain and France agree the Non-Intervention Agreement, promising to stay out of the Spanish Civil War and stop weapons getting to Spain
Maurice Levine	Jewish International Brigade volunteer motivated to go to Spain by fascist antisemitism	September 1936	The International Brigades are formed so volunteers can go to Spain to help the Republicans
Canute Frankson	African-American International Brigade volunteer motivated to go to Spain by his opposition to racism	1938	The International Brigades are sent home. The Republicans lose the civil war soon after