

POWER, PROPAGANDA, AND PAD THAI

Purpose

Biographies give us insight into how individuals lived their lives and how they felt about the world around them. Graphic biographies share those same insights with the added benefit of visual interpretation. See how the story of Thai leader Plaek Phibunsongkhram shares insight on the emergence of extremist ideologies in the interwar period.

Process

1. ***Why did extremist ideologies like fascism and authoritarianism emerge during the interwar period?*** Take a moment to jot down what you learned in this lesson that could help to answer this question. (The videos about internationalism and fascism and the article about authoritarianism will be especially helpful.)

2. Read "[Plaek Phibunsongkhram](#)" and respond to the questions below to consider how this graphic biography supports, extends, and/or challenges what you have learned about the emergence of fascism and authoritarianism in the period leading up to the Second World War.

SUPPORT Which ideas/pieces of information are consistent with your understanding of this topic so far?	
EXTEND How does this graphic biography extend or broaden your thinking about fascism or authoritarianism in the interwar period?	
CHALLENGE Does this graphic biography challenge or complicate your understanding of fascism or authoritarianism in the interwar period? Does it raise new questions for you?	