

Extending the Content

While serving time in prison for his involvement with the Ba'ath party, Saddam Hussein studied the politics of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. Have students visit the History Channel Web site and read the short biographies of these dictators. Next, ask students to compare and contrast Saddam Hussein to Hitler and Stalin using a Venn diagram. Once students have completed their diagrams, ask them to write a 500-word essay comparing and contrasting the political careers and maneuvers of Hussein, Stalin, and Hitler.

Adolf Hitler:

<http://www.holocaustsurvivors.org/cgi-bin/data.show.pl?di=record&da=encyclopedia&ke=35>

Joseph Stalin:

http://www.historychannel.com/perl/print_book.pl?ID=114682