**ESSAY: Compare and contrast the rise to power of two rulers of single-party states.**

**Compare and contrast:** Give an account of similarities and differences between two (or more) items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.

The best way to tackle this with the rulers is to think about dividing your essay into **themes**. Use the table below to help you compare and contrast the rulers according to themes. **NOTE: To get to the higher levels you need to show you have looked at the interpretations of historians. Can you find any quotes/arguments to support your knowledge?**

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| **Theme** | **Mao** | **Hitler** |
| **The use of propaganda to appeal to the masses** |  |  |
| **Political knowledge, experience and leadership** | **The Long March** |  |
| **Ideological appeal** |  |  |
| **Defeat of**  **opposition from other political groups** | **Civil War with GMD/KMT** | **The Emergency Decree and Enabling Act** |
| **The nature of the state at the time of rise to power** | **Impact of WWII & Civil War.** | **The Weimar Republic & constitution** |