

Final Reflection

The Seduction of Certainty

Name: _____

Date: _____

*Respond to each prompt thoughtfully. Honesty matters more than 'right answers.'
Personal connection strengthens analysis. Take your time.*

1. Which of Eco's features do you find most important for identifying fascism today? Why?

2. At any point during this unit, did you feel the appeal of fascist rhetoric? Describe that moment honestly. What did the appeal feel like? What do you understand about it now?

3. We began this unit by asking why fascism is alluring. How would you answer that question now? What does fascism offer that other political movements don't?

4. Mishima said that the body must be 'destroyed by words.' The unit suggested that fascism's worship of strength leads to destruction. What do you think about this paradox?

5. What questions do you still have? What doesn't fit neatly into the frameworks we've used?

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Competency: Synthesis, metacognition

Criterion	Emerging (0-4)	Developing (5-7)	Proficient (8-10)	Extending (11-12)
Depth of Engagement	Responses are brief or surface-level. Tip: Push past your first answer—what's underneath?	Engages with prompts but stays general. Tip: Use specific moments from the unit.	Explores questions thoughtfully. Connects ideas across the unit.	Thinking extends beyond the unit to broader questions about politics, psychology, or human nature.
Honesty & Connection	Gives expected answers without genuine engagement. Tip: What did you actually think and feel?	Some honesty but stays safe. Tip: Take a risk—share something you're uncertain about.	Honest about personal responses. Takes intellectual risks.	Uses personal experience to illuminate something universal about the unit's questions.
Quality of Questions	No remaining questions or only surface-level ones. Tip: What still puzzles you?	Asks questions but they could be easily answered. Tip: Look for the genuinely hard questions.	Asks genuine questions that resist easy answers. Shows awareness of the unit's limits.	Questions open new directions for inquiry. Identifies what the frameworks can't explain.