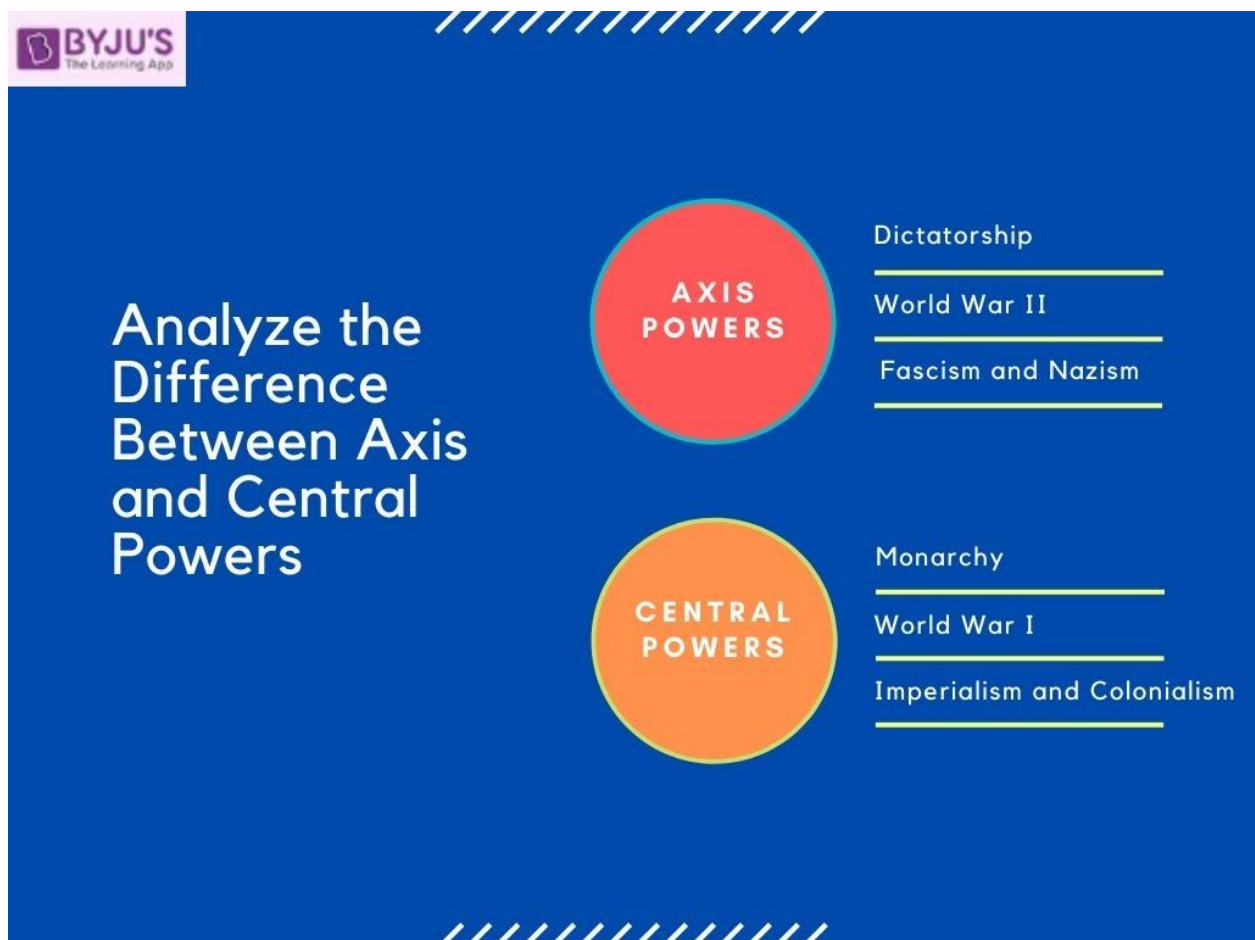


# Difference Between Axis and Central Powers

The Axis and Central Powers were two factions who fought against the Allied powers. The Axis powers fought against the Allies in World War 2 and the Central Powers fought against them in World War 1.

The commonality between them was that they both had expansionist agendas at the expense of other nations and one of the differences between the two is that the Central Powers were the enemies of the Allies during World War 1, while the Axis powers were one of the opposing factions of the Second World War.



We will discuss further differences between the Axis and Central powers in this article for the IAS Exam

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<b>Axis</b>	<b>Central Powers</b>
The Axis Powers were active during the Second World War (1939-1945)	The Central Powers were active during the entirety of World War 1. It was dissolved upon its defeat in 1918
The Axis Powers consisted of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan.	The Central Powers consisted of Imperial Germany, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria
The Axis camp was led by German <i>Fuhrer</i> Adolf Hitler, Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini and Japanese <i>Shōwa</i> Emperor Hirohito (Although military affairs were led helmed by General Tojo Hideki)	The Central Powers were led by Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, King Franz-Joseph of Austro-Hungarian Empire, Sultan Mehmed V of Ottoman Empire and Tsar Ferdinand V of Bulgaria
The Axis Powers were mostly dictatorships with the exception of Imperial Japan led by Emperor Hirohito	The Central Powers were all monarchies with an imperialist agenda in mind
The Axis Powers were motivated by territorial expansion at the expense of its neighbours and in ensuring that their spheres of influences were protected from the advance of communism	The Central Powers wanted to preserve their own regional hegemony while protecting and expanding their interests against other European powers such as the British and French Empires
The wartime GDP of the axis was \$911 billion at its height in 1941	The Wartime GDP of the Central Powers was \$383.9 billion in 1914
The Axis population in 1938 was 258.9 million.	The Population of the Central Powers was 156.1 Million in 1914

<p>The Axis powers dominated a large swathe of Western &amp; Central Europe along with most of South-East Asia during the initial phase (1939-1942) of World War 2</p>	<p>The Central Power held the initiative for most of World War 1 but made no significant gains either. Their successes were reversed upon the entry of the United States in 1918</p>
<p>The Axis powers would go on to be defeated by the Allies. Italy would be the first to surrender on September 8, 1943,</p> <p>Germany Surrendered on May 7th, 1945.</p> <p>After dropping atomic bombs on the twin cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Imperial Japan formally surrendered to the Allies on September 2nd, 1945</p>	<p>The following are the dates on which each Central Powers nation signed the armistice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bulgaria - 29th September,</li><li>● Ottoman Empire - 30th October,</li><li>● Austria-Hungary - 4th November,</li><li>● Germa Empire - 11th November,</li></ul>