

★ **Reinforcing Skills Activity 11**

## Making Generalizations


### LEARNING THE SKILL

To generalize means to draw inferences from or make general conclusions about a set of statements or information. The quality of the information you use determines the accuracy of the generalizations you make. Information that consists of facts, not opinions, is essential to drawing accurate generalizations. As you gather facts, begin to group the information into categories, and look for relationships among the categories. Based on these relationships, you can begin to make new generalizations or test existing ones.

### PRACTICING THE SKILL

**DIRECTIONS:** Is the generalization below accurate? Read or review Section 1 of your textbook to find support for the generalization. Complete the table below to help you organize your information and find relationships.

**Generalization:** *The end of World War I and the difficult economic times of the Depression Era led to the rise of dictatorships in Europe and Asia.*

 <b>Emerging Dictatorships</b>			
Country	Leader	Type of Dictatorship	Supporting Information

### APPLYING THE SKILL

**DIRECTIONS:** Locate and read three news articles or editorials on the same current event. Make a two-column table, and list the facts from these articles in the first column and the opinions from these articles in the second column. Based on the information in your table, write a generalization in the space provided.