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**World War II: 1939-1942**

1. In the 1930s, events throughout the world led to conditions that started World War II
   1. High unemployment, desperation, & feelings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_led to the rise of totalitarian dictators
   2. Fascist dictators Mussolini & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_threatened to conquer new territories for Italy & Germany
   3. Extreme nationalism & a need for raw materials led to a desire to expand in Japan under Hideki Tojo
2. By the 1930s, the world was moving towards another war but few nations were in a position to prevent war
   1. Britain & France were the leaders of the League of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_but both wanted to avoid another war
   2. The USA was focused on the depression & wanted to avoid foreign affairs
3. Japan, Italy, & Germany aggressively expanded in Africa, Asia, & Europe
   1. In 1936, Germany, Italy, & Japan formed an alliance called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Coalition
   2. In 1931, Japan invaded Manchuria in order to seize its iron & coal mines
   3. In 1937, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_conquered northern China & killed 300,000 unarmed soldiers & civilians during the “Rape of Nanjing”
   4. In 1935, Mussolini began his campaign to create an Italian Empire by invading Ethiopia
   5. The Italian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_easily defeated the Ethiopians

**CTD #1 How should the League of Nations respond?**

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**☹ The League of Nations condemned Japanese & Italian aggression but did nothing to stop the attacks in an effort to maintain peace in the world**

1. The failure of the League of Nations to stop Italy or Japan, encouraged Hitler to expand Germany too
   1. In 1935, Hitler defied the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Treaty of Versailles & expanded the size of the German military
   2. In 1936, Hitler moved his army to the Rhineland
   3. Both times, the League of Nations refused to stop Hitler in order to keep peace in Europe
   4. In 1938, Hitler annexed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Next, Hitler demanded that the western border of Czechoslovakia, an area known as the Sudetenland, be given to Germany

**CTD #2: How should the League of Nations have responded?**

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**☹ Germany was allowed to keep the Sudetenland if Hitler promised to stop expanding**

1. In 1938, leaders from England & France met with Hitler & Mussolini at the Munich Conference in order work out an agreement to avoid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Britain & France used *appeasement* with Hitler: they gave in to his demands in order to avoid war
   2. Six months after the Munich Conference, Hitler broke his promise & annexed all of Czechoslovakia
2. In 1939, Hitler demanded that western Poland be returned to Germany but he did not want to provoke a war with the Soviet Union
   1. Stalin & Hitler agreed to the Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, promising never to attack each other
   2. Secretly, Germany & the USSR agreed to divide Poland
   3. On September 1, 1939, Hitler ordered the German military to attack Poland

**CTD #3: How should Britain & France respond?**

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**☺ On September 3, 1939, Britain & France declared war on Germany…World War II had begun**

1. World War II was a two “theater” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with fighting taking place in Europe & in the Pacific
2. The Allies & Axis Powers converted to total war for the second time in 20 years
3. When World War II began, Germany used a “lightning war” strategy called blitzkrieg that relied on fast, strong attacks using air raids, artillery, & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. By 1940, Germany conquered Poland, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, & France
   2. When France fell to the Nazis, Britain was the only nation at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Germany
   3. In 1940, Germany began a massive bombing campaign using its air force called the Battle of Britain
   4. The British air force fought German planes aided by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & the ability to crack German codes
   5. Prime Minister Winston Churchill vowed that the British would “never surrender”
   6. After 8 months, Hitler called off the attacks & focused on Eastern Europe
4. The United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to remain neutral when World War II began
   1. After the fall of France & attack on Britain, the U.S. began selling war supplies to the Allied Powers
5. In 1940, Italian & German troops moved to take control of North Africa
   1. Meanwhile, Hitler took control of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. In 1941, Hitler broke the Nazi-Soviet Pact & invaded the Soviet Union
   3. By 1942, the Axis Powers controlled most of Europe & North Africa but were unable to defeat Britain & the USSR
   4. Meanwhile, the Japanese were expanding in throughout the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CTD #4: How should the United States respond?**

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1. From 1939 to 1941, Japan conquered European colonies in Asia including French Indochina
   1. Japan threatened to take the U.S. colonies of Guam & the Philippines
   2. In 1941, the United States cut off sales of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & oil with the Japanese
   3. Japan interpreted the embargo as interfering with their right to expand
   4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_attack crippled the U.S. navy & killed 2,300 Americans
2. After the attack, the USA declared war on the Axis Powers & entered WWII
   1. After Pearl Harbor, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_took the Philippines & threatened to take India and Australia
   2. By 1942, Japan controlled a large empire in the Pacific, “Asia for the Asiatics”
   3. From 1939 to 1942, the Axis Powers (Germany, Italy, Japan) dominated Europe, North Africa, & Asia
   4. But, 1942 was a turning point year for the Allies who were able to win the war by 1945

**WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?! Make a prediction!!**