The Road to World War II WORLD HISTORY NOTES

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*Disturbing the Peace*

* After WWI, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brought chaos and unemployment to Europe, which led to the rise of authoritarian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Fascist totalitarian regimes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ threatened to end the peace in Europe, while aggressive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_militarism caused tension in Asia.
* JAPAN---------Since the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Japan had been growing more nationalistic, militaristic, and imperialistic. A military government controlled Japan, and it desired a vast Asian empire. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_government controlled Japan, and it desired a vast Asian empire.
  + To attain this imperial goal Japan conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1931.
  + The League of Nations, which was formed to keep the peace after WWI, merely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the aggression and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against Japan.
  + Japan then conquered much of eastern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1937, brutally killing thousands in what became known as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Nanking.” Again, the League of Nations did nothing but protest.
* ITALY---------Like Japan, fascist Italy was also militaristic, nationalistic, and had dreams of an empire. Mussolini used his modern military to conquer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1935.
  + Ethiopia appealed to the League of Nations for help, but the league merely responded with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or economic penalties, against Italy. The sanctions were never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and by 1936 Mussolini fully controlled Ethiopia.
* GERMANY------Seeking his own empire, Hitler rebuilt the German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This violated the Treaty of Versailles, but once again the League of Nations did nothing.
  + With a stronger military, in 1936 Hitler ordered troops to occupy the demilitarized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a region the Treaty of Versailles forbade German troops from entering. Yet again, the League of Nations took no action.
  + Hitler challenged Britain and France and won. Although they denounced Hitler’s moves with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the western powers took no action, adopting a policy of appeasement.
  + **Appeasement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + Appeasement convinced Hitler that Britain and France were weak, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him to continue to break the Treaty of Versailles and further expand the Third Reich. Overjoyed with their victory, the German public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_behind their triumphant Fuhrer.
* Why Choose Appeasement?
* The Axis Powers
  + In the face of appeasement weakness, in 1936 Italy, Germany, and Japan formed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alliance and agreed to allow each other to pursue their own empires and combat Soviet communism.
  + Both Germany and Italy sent troops to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help fascist General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gain power in the Spanish Civil War. During the action, Germany experimented with its new planes and tanks, and Hitler was encouraged with the effective results.
* German Expansion
  + Austria Annexed (added)
    - Hitler’s next goal was to unite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Germany. Hitler was popular in his native country, and many Austrians wanted to be part of the German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - In 1938 Hitler forced the Austrian chancellor to put the Nazis in power. When the chancellor refused, Hitler sent the German army into Austria and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the critics. Hitler again broke the Versailles treaty, but the western powers did nothing.
* Czechslovakia
  + With Austria taken, in 1938 Hitler demanded the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was the western portion of Czechoslovakia that was mostly inhabited by Germans.
  + Hitler and Nazi propaganda leader Josef Goebbels fabricated stories of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against Germans living in the Sudetenland. To discuss the matter and avert war, the leaders of Britain and France agreed to meet Hitler in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Fearing war, Britain and France \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hitler at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and convinced Czechoslovakia to give him the Sudetenland. With the Sudetenland now part of the Third Reich, Hitler \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he would never again ask for more land.
  + Shortly after Hitler was given the Sudetenland he broke the Munich agreement and ordered his troops to also occupy the Czechoslovakian provinces of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Hitler then made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a Nazi puppet state, which put the whole country of Czechoslovakia under Nazi domination. Again, Britain and France did nothing to combat Hitler’s aggression and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Polish Corridor
  + With Austria and Czechoslovakia in Nazi hands, Hitler turned east to Poland to attain his quest for lebensraum. In 1939 Hitler demanded Poland give him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was land that had been taken away after World War I.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hitler proved to be horribly unsuccessful, so Britain and France vowed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Poland’s freedom and uphold the Treaty of Versailles, even if it meant war with Nazi Germany.
  + With war on the horizon, both Britain and Nazi Germany worked to gain an alliance with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In 1939 Hitler announced to the world a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pact with the Soviet Union. Hitler had secretly promised Stalin that they would split \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union invaded Poland only one week after their pact was formed, and defeated the weaker country in less than a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Britain and France responded by declaring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Germany, thus beginning World War II.

HOW DID WORLD WAR II START?

**JAPANESE &**

**ITALIAN**

**IMPERIALISM**

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**GERMAN**

**TROOPS**

**OCCUPY**

**RHINELAND**

**HITLER**

**CONQUERS**

**POLAND**

**HITLER TAKES**

**AUSTRIA**

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