

# Causes of World War II Guided Notes

## Costs of War

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### ▶ *Economic Costs*

- ▶ US Debt 1940 - \$\_\_\_\_\_ **BILLION**  
US Debt 1945 - \$\_\_\_\_\_ **BILLION**
- ▶ The war cost \$\_\_\_\_\_ **BILLION** -- \_\_\_\_\_ **times** the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ & as much as **ALL** previous federal spending since \_\_\_\_\_

### ▶ *Human Costs*

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ people died (compared to \_\_\_\_\_ **million** in WWI)
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ **million** Russians (\_\_\_\_\_ **million** civilians)
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ **million** died as a result of the HOLOCAUST  
(\_\_\_\_\_ **million** Jews + \_\_\_\_\_ **million** others)

### Allied Powers

#### *Major Powers & Their Leaders*

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### Axis Powers

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## Why? Causes of World War II

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### #1 Treaty of Versailles

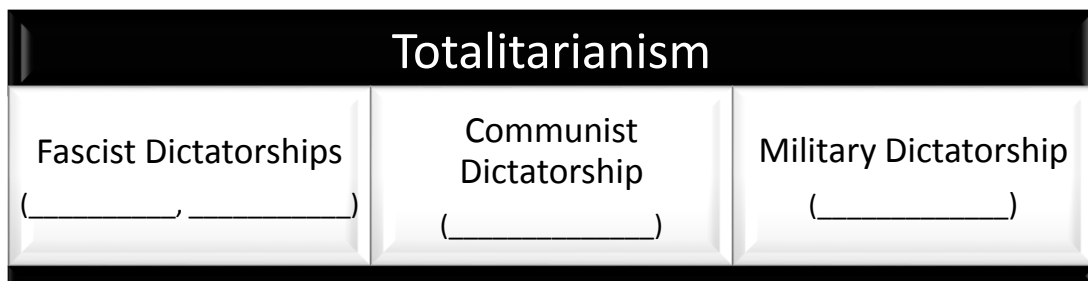
- ▶ The Treaty of Versailles was meant to bring \_\_\_\_\_ and to make the world "\_\_\_\_\_ " – but it wrecked Germany
- ▶ Germany lost \_\_\_\_\_ to surrounding nations
- ▶ War \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Allies collect \_\_\_\_\_ to pay back \_\_\_\_\_ to U.S.
  - ▶ Germany must pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ trillion (modern equivalent)
  - ▶ It \_\_\_\_\_ the German economy & \_\_\_\_\_ Germans

## #2 Worldwide Depression

- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ made Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ even worse
- ▶ Desperate people turn to \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Hitler seemed to provide \_\_\_\_\_ to Germany's \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Hitler provided \_\_\_\_\_ for Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ (foreigners, Jews, communists, Gypsies, mentally ill, homosexuals)
  - ▶ **Kristallnacht** - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish property & synagogues

## #3 Rise of totalitarian regimes

- ▶ In a \_\_\_\_\_ country, \_\_\_\_\_ are not viewed as important as the needs of the nation



## #4 Isolationism of Major Powers

- ▶ US isolationist because of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Opposition to war (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - ▶ Washington Conference - \_\_\_\_\_ on size of country's \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ - condemned war as a way to solving conflicts
- ▶ This led to \_\_\_\_\_ of "Appeasement"
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_: give dictators what they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that they won't want anything else
  - ▶ Begins with Japanese invasion of \_\_\_\_\_, Italian invasion of \_\_\_\_\_, and continues with \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

## #5 Failure of the League of Nations

- ▶ 1933 \_\_\_\_\_, after seeing L.O.N do nothing to Japan, pulls Germany out of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ 1935 Germany builds up \_\_\_\_\_, puts troops in the \_\_\_\_\_ (direct disobedience against Treaty of Versailles)
- ▶ He signs the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Axis Pact (\_\_\_\_\_ between Germany & Italy)
- ▶ League of Nations does \_\_\_\_\_ to stop him