

# WORLD WAR II NOTES

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Italy Attacks \_\_\_\_\_

- ▶ **1935** Ethiopia was Africa's only \_\_\_\_\_ country
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ knew about the attack but only verbally \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ **1936** Ethiopia \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Haile Selassie warned: "It is us today, it'll be you tomorrow"

January **1933**: Hitler became \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany. Hitler soon ordered a program of \_\_\_\_\_ Germany

**What was Hitler asking for?**

- Return of German Speaking Lands - " \_\_\_\_\_ "

March **1936**: German troops marched into the \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ The Rhineland = region of \_\_\_\_\_ that was ' \_\_\_\_\_ after the Treaty of Versailles.
- ▶ Germany - not allowed to have \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
- ▶ \*\*Hitler's actions = direct \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_

March **1938**: Nazi Germany annexed \_\_\_\_\_

- ▶ Also against the terms of the **Treaty of Versailles** which \_\_\_\_\_ Germany from uniting with \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Arrival of German troops met with great \_\_\_\_\_ by many Austrian people.

March **1939** - Germany invaded Czechoslovakia

- ▶ Occupation of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Czech.) began in Oct. **1938**
- ▶ In March Hitler ordered the takeover of rest of \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ \*\*This was the first \_\_\_\_\_ step that shows that a war in Europe would soon begin.\*\*

August **1939**: Germany and Russia signed a \_\_\_\_\_

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Russia) signed a '**non-aggression pact**'.
- ▶ Agreed neither country would \_\_\_\_\_ the other in the event of war.
- ▶ Hitler \_\_\_\_\_ Stalin part of \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ **September 1939**: Germany invaded \_\_\_\_\_ w/o fear of Russian attack
- ▶ The non-aggression pact was \_\_\_\_\_. Hitler and Stalin were seen as natural \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ When Hitler talked of taking over new land for Germany, many thought that he meant \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ Hitler also \_\_\_\_\_ Communism, the form of government in Russia

## Great Britain and France Declare War

▶ September 3, **1939** GB & FR declare war on Germany due to \_\_\_\_\_ they had with Poland

- Germany declares that Germans living in Poland are \_\_\_\_\_

## How did Hitler Make war?

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ = "Lightning War"

▶ In the next year, Hitler invades:

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## Early Axis Gains

By **1941**, the \_\_\_\_\_ powers or their allies controlled most of Western Europe.

- Germany and Russia conquered and divided \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stalin's armies pushed into \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Soviet forces seized \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hitler conquered \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hitler took the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered to Hitler.
- Axis armies pushed into \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Led by \_\_\_\_\_ General Erwin Rommel the "Desert Fox"
- Axis armies defeated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ joined the Axis alliance.

## Holocaust

- ▶ German leaders worked to accomplish the "final solution of the Jewish problem" — the \_\_\_\_\_, or deliberate murder, of all European Jews.
- ▶ Became known as the \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Jews, political prisoners, and other "\_\_\_\_\_ " were sent to labor camps to starve and work to death or sent to death camps to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ About \_\_\_\_\_ million Jews died

## US Involvement in world war II

- **1928** US signs \_\_\_\_\_ (pledged never to make war again)

- Nye Committee found out that WWI was caused by greedy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Merchants of Death)
- After WWI, US had a growing sense of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Neutrality Acts (1935) – Meant to keep US out of future wars
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Cant sell arms or loans to nations at war or civil war
  - 1937 US supplies arms to China after Japan attacks it

## US Assistance



**\*\*MADE \_\_\_\_\_ a target!!!\*\***

- ▶ Roosevelt provided aid to the Allies:
  - ▶ “\_\_\_\_\_ **Provision**” –nations at war can buy US arms as long as they paid cash and transported them
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ – **1939** - US “lent” war materials to cash-strapped Great Britain
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ – US secretly meets with England to \_\_\_\_\_ to defeating Germany

## Meanwhile...in the Pacific

- ▶ Dec. 7, **1941** - \_\_\_\_\_: “a date which will live in infamy”
- ▶ **What?** Surprise attack by the Japanese on American forces in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- ▶ **Effect?**
  - ▶ US declares war on \_\_\_\_\_ & other \_\_\_\_\_ powers
  - ▶ Because of the United States’ \_\_\_\_\_ Japan sees no option but attack.
  - ▶ General Tojo ordered the \_\_\_\_\_ attack
- ▶ Dec. 7, **1941** Japanese planes destroy or damage \_\_\_\_\_ ships, \_\_\_\_\_ planes, and kill over \_\_\_\_\_ people.

**“IT WAS “A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY.”**

- ▶ Dec. 8, **1941**, President Roosevelt asks for \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Germany and Italy as \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan declare war on the US Dec. 11.
- ▶ In the beginning it’s not looking good for the \_\_\_\_\_

## Turning Points

- ▶ During **1942** and **1943**, the Allies won several victories that would turn the tide of battle and push back the \_\_\_\_\_ powers.
- ▶ The British stopped \_\_\_\_\_ advance and drove the Axis forces back across Libya into Tunisia.

The British stopped Rommel’s advance and drove the Axis forces back across Libya into Tunisia.(late 1942)	From North Africa, the Allies invaded Italy. The invasion weakened Hitler by forcing him to fight on another front. (mid-1943)
The Red Army took the offensive and drove the Germans out of the Soviet Union entirely. Hitler’s forces suffered irreplaceable losses of troops and equipment. (late 1942)	The Allies opened a second front in Europe with the invasion of France. They freed France and were then able to focus on defeating Germany and Japan. (June 6, 1944)