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Activity 3: Aggression Leads to War

The Rise of Dictators

1. What is a totalitarian state?
2. In 1929, who became the sole dictator of the Soviet Union?
3. Explain how Stalin took control of the government and people:
4. What did Benito Mussolini promise the Italian people so he could rise to power?
5. What is fascism?
6. Explain what Mussolini hoped Italy could become?
7. What two things led to extreme nationalism in Post WWI Nazi Germany?
8. In 1921, what group did Adolf Hitler become the leader of?
9. Explain how racism fueled Hitler's conquest of the Nazi party (list specific groups he targeted):
10. Explain some of the anti-semitic laws that the Nazi's passed:
11. Explain how militarism took control of Japan during the early 1900's:

Military Aggression

1. Define “aggression”:
2. What three nations formed a pact together to invade other nations?
3. How did the League of Nations fail during the invasion of China?
4. How many Chinese civilians and prisoners were executed by Japan in 1937?
5. In 1935, why did Britain and France refuse to immediately help Ethiopia?
6. Under the section entitled “German Aggression”, summarize Hitler’s intent, the Rhineland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and the policy of “appeasement” (this will require a bit of writing, be concise but factual):

American Neutrality

1. What does the “Neutrality Act of 1935” state?
2. How did Franklin Roosevelt’s “Good Neighbor Policy” expand on the Monroe Doctrine and Roosevelt Corollary?

War Begins in Europe

1. Which two nations invaded Poland in August of 1939 to officially start WWII?
2. After Britain and France failed to stop the invasion of Poland, which other nations did Hitler assume control of?
3. How long did it take Hitler to overtake France?
4. Explain the Battle of Britain:
5. Explain the Invasion of the Soviet Union:



1. Label and the following countries on the map of Europe:

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| - England | - Denmark |
| - France | - Luxembourg |
| - Germany | - Belgium |
| - Soviet Union | - Austria |
| - Italy | - Hungary |
| - Norway | |

2. Color the nations that Germany conquered the same color as Nazi Germany, color the other labelled nations any color you wish.

3. Put the year that each nation was conquered by Nazi Germany next to their name in question 1