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# Road to War – Europe

**Directions:** Follow along and fill in the missing information from the presentation as we discuss the road leading up to World War II.

## Causes of War

- There are four main causes that led to World War II, they are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.
- In 1919, The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ met at the Paris Peace Conference to discuss Germany's defeat.

## Treaty of Versailles

- The Treaty of Versailles was aimed at \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was weak due to the treaty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to strengthen Germany despite the treaty.
- Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ government was to be overthrown.

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- The United States, France & Britain were known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Treaty of Versailles had three main terms.
- Term 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- Term 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- Term 3: \_\_\_\_\_

## Germany & the Great Depression

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- After WWI, Germany was obligated to pay \_\_\_\_\_, which they could not pay.
- Germany's \_\_\_\_\_ suffered, so the terms of the agreement were \_\_\_\_\_ or changed by the Big Three.
- Other countries suffered because of Germany's inability to pay.

### Totalitarianism

- Totalitarianism is \_\_\_\_\_ control by one leader having absolute authority.
- One form of totalitarianism is a \_\_\_\_\_, where government intimidation through violence and \_\_\_\_\_ are used to rule social and political lives of citizens.
- \_\_\_\_\_ allowed dictators to rule effectively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Governments of Italy and Germany controlled the economy and its resources.

### Hitler's Rise in Germany

- The German Democratic Party was blamed for the Treaty of Versailles.
- Hitler's \_\_\_\_\_ party began to gain power with the people of Germany.
- Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hitler's secret police, otherwise known as the \_\_\_\_\_ enforced laws harshly.
- The terms of the Treaty of Versailles were ignored by the Nazi Party and funds were used to build the \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union

- Stalin became leader of the Soviet Union in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Under Stalin, \_\_\_\_\_, which is an economic belief of common ownership of the means of production and where social classes are nonexistent.
- Stalin had TOTAL control of the country by the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- Under Stalin, citizens could not \_\_\_\_\_ land and had \_\_\_\_\_ restrictions imposed on them.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sought to eliminate anyone who spoke out against communism.

### Benito Mussolini's Italy

- Mussolini established a \_\_\_\_\_ party which exercises complete power and forcibly suppresses anyone against the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mussolini's gang, called the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, led the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1922 where they demanded the government be turned over to Mussolini.

### Rule by Fear

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- Read the quotes from Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. What connections can you make between these dictators and their way of rule?

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### Appeasement

- Appeasement is a policy aimed at meeting the demands of an enemy in order to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.

### Appeasement & Hitler

- In \_\_\_\_\_ Hitler violated the Treaty of Versailles by sending troops to Rhineland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ did not try to stop Hitler.
- In \_\_\_\_\_ Hitler forcibly makes \_\_\_\_\_ apart of Germany.
- In 1938 Hitler tries to take \_\_\_\_\_.
- A conference was called in \_\_\_\_\_, Germany where Britain & France tried to reason with Hitler.
- Hitler agrees to take only the Western Region of CZECH, instead he invades the entire country in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Non-Aggression Pact

- Stalin attempts to ally with Britain & France in order to defeat Hitler, Britain and France refused.

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- Stalin & Hitler form a \_\_\_\_\_ were they agreed that neither would attack the other.
- Stalin & Hitler both knew the other would break the terms of the pact.
- Hitler invaded \_\_\_\_\_ on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939.
- This marks the beginning of World War II.

Follow-Up Questions:

1. Based on the information presented, do you think the war could have been avoided?  
Explain why or why not.

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2. Devise a list of characteristics for Hitler, Stalin & Mussolini and discuss how their way of rule allowed them to gain such power.

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