

The Road to War-Europe

Causes of War

- Treaty of Versailles
- Appeasement
- Totalitarianism
- Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact

Treaty of Versailles

- Paris Peace Conference in 1919 – Post WWI
 - In attendance: U.S., Canada, Britain & France
 - How will Germany be defeated?
- Treaty was aimed at war prevention

Treaty of Versailles

- Germany was weak due to the treaty
- Adolf Hitler wanted to strengthen Germany once again
- The German people were enticed by Hitler's declaration to make Germany powerful
 - An overthrow of Germany's Democratic Government

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YviTg-6RorU>

Germany & The Great Depression

- Germany obligated to pay reparations for WWI
 - They can't pay
- Germany's Economy suffers
- The Big Three agree to amend terms of reparations
- Because of Germany's inability to pay, other countries economies suffer

Totalitarianism



- Dictatorship
 - Government intimidation through violence and propaganda to rule social & political lives of its citizens
- 'Total' control by one leader having absolute power
- Modern weaponry allowed dictators to rule effectively
- Fascist Governments of Italy & Germany
 - The economy is controlled by the government

Hitler's Rise in Germany



- Nazi Party rises as the German Democratic Party is blamed for the Treaty of Versailles & its terms
- 1933 – Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany
 - Rule by intimidation
 - Banned all political parties except Nazi Party
 - Gestapo – Hitler's secret police that enforced laws
 - Disregarded terms of the treaty & used funds to build military

Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union

- Stalin becomes leader in 1924
- TOTAL control by 1928
- Five year plan to take full control of the economy
- No land ownership
- Controlled the media
- Implemented travel restrictions on citizens
- The Great Purge – elimination of anyone who spoke out against communism



Benito Mussolini's Italy



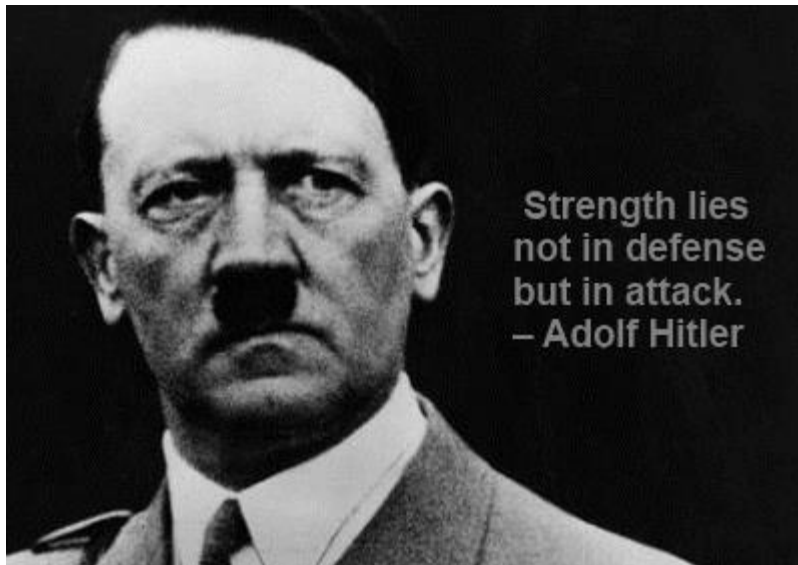
- Mussolini established Fascist Party
 - A governmental system led by a dictator who exercises complete power, forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism against the state.
- 'Black Shirts' – Mussolini's gang
- 1922 March of Rome – Black shirts demand the gov't of Italy be turned over to Mussolini
- Mussolini rises to power

Rule by Fear...



"Death is the solution to all problems. No man - no problem."

Joseph Stalin



Strength lies not in defense but in attack.
- Adolf Hitler



"Blood alone moves the wheels of history."
- Benito Mussolini

- Read each dictators quote, discuss with elbow partner the similarities between them.
- Volunteers to share?

Appeasement

- The policy of satisfying or giving into demands.
- When a country becomes hostile, other countries give the hostile country what they want in order to prevent war.

Appeasement & Hitler

- 1936 – Hitler sends troops & takes Rhineland, violating the treaty
- Britain & France do nothing
- 1938 - Hitler makes Austria apart of Germany by force
- Britain & France do nothing

Appeasement & Hitler



- 1938 – Hitler declares to take Western region of Czechoslovakia
- Britain & France call a conference in Munich, Germany
 - Tried to reason with Hitler
 - Agree that Hitler takes the Western region & stays out of the rest of Czechoslovakia
 - 1939 - Hitler invades the rest of Czech anyways

Non-Aggression Pact

- Britain & France would not ally with Soviet Union
- So, Pact between Hitler & Stalin was made not to attack one another
- Poland was split between the two countries
- Both sides knew the other would not follow the pact
- September 1st 1939 – Hitler Invades Poland
 - World War II begins...