**World War II**

**CAUSES:**

* Depression:
  + Most of the world prior to WWII was not doing well financially
* Fascist Leaders
  + Power hungry leaders who get what they want through force

**Treaty of Versailles**

* German’s were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the treaty’s terms
  + Hitler announces in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he will pledge to undo the Treaty of Versailles; propaganda begins under the campaign “Today Germany, Tomorrow the WORLD”
* Hitler wants to re-occupy the lands taken away from Germany through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Which he knows he will be able to because the League of Nations is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPEASING THE GERMANS**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: a policy practiced by the allied powers with concern to Germany; allowing Germany to occupy land in Europe to avoid going to war.
* During the 1930’s Hitler played on the hopes & fears of the Western democracies. Each time he grabbed new territory, he would declare an end to his demands. Peace was temporary until he decided to move again.
* Hitler captured Rhineland, Austria, & Czechoslovakia

**Alliances are formed:**

* Rome-Berlin Axis: An alliance is made between\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and Germany
* Non-aggression pact: pledge signed between Germany and Russia (Soviet Union) not to attack each other and to divide up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it’s conquered.

**Who’s Who of WWII Leaders:**

* ALLIED POWERS: “The Big 3”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Chamberlain then Churchill
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Stalin
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Roosevelt (FDR) then Truman
* AXIS POWERS: Tripartite Pact (1940)
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Hitler
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Mussolini
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Hirohito

**War In Europe Starts:**

* September 1, 1939: Hitler invades Poland
  + 2 days later France and G.B. declare war on Germany
  + Blitzkrieg: Lightning war – planes and tanks followed by massive infantry force
  + Soviets occupy half of Poland and Baltic countries per secret agreement with Germany
* June 1940 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surrenders to Germany
* Axis powers now control – France, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Albania, Greece, Norway, Finland, and Poland.

**Battle of Britain:**

* Summer 1940 – Germany focuses on bombing British cities to break morale
* Invention of radar, stolen Enigma (German code breaking machine) and British resistance help to save G.B. from German occupation
* Last almost 1 year
* Life normal when sun is up but when sun is down life in a subway or bomb shelter

**Forget the Nonaggression Pact… Hitler is Nutty!:**

* Operation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Hitler’s plan to invade to Soviet Union to create more “living space” for the Aryan race
* June 1941
* Germans unprepared for fighting
  + Summer uniforms in winter
  + Didn’t bring enough food
* Gain nothing but lose 500,000 lives

**North Africa:**

* Italy attacks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in N. Africa
* Germany Sends troops to help
* Germany wins many battles against the British in most of North Africa
  + British keep control of Egypt

**War in Asia:**

* 1931: Japan invades Manchuria – an area of Northern China
* 1937: Japan invades China – capital falls to the Japanese
* A depression and drawn out war with the Chinese cause Japan to attack European colonies for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + July 1941: Japan invades Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos)
* U.S. sends aid to China and cut off oil shipments to Japan

***December 7, 1941:***

* “A day which will live in infamy”
* Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor (US Naval base in Hawaii).
* 19 ships were sunk or damaged.
* 2,300 Americans killed with over 1,100 wounded within 2 hours
* U.S. declares war on Japan and its allies

**THE PACIFIC THEATER:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Allied forces hopped from island to island moving towards Japan in preparation for a final attack on Japanese Soil
  + They avoided well-guarded islands and took control of less guarded islands.

**Pacific Victory:**

* Atomic Bomb
  + Knowing the preparations that were taking place on the island of Japan the president decides to drop an atomic bomb
    - Hiroshima
      * Bomb dropped, but Japanese still going to fight
    - Nagasaki
      * Japanese are now ready to surrender
* Japan surrenders
  + On September 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay Harbor on the battleship Missouri

**European Liberation:**

* Secret preparations were being made by the allies to liberate Europe from Hitler’s control.
* Called Operation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (better known as D-day)

**D-Day:**

* June 6, 1944, British, American, French & Canadian stormed the beaches at Normandy and area of France
* Beaches are fortified by the “Atlantic Wall” a 1670 mile line of military defense in and near the ocean
  + Concrete bunkers
  + Barbed wire
  + Ditches
  + Landmines
  + Beach and underwater obstacles
* 5,000 allied troops die on the first day

**How the war ends in Europe:**

* Allies lose ½ the soldiers the Germans lose in the first 10 weeks
* Takes the allies 11 months to push the Germans back to the capital of Berlin
* Knowing his fate, Hitler commits suicide April 30, 1945
* Germany \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on May 7, 1945