**WORLD WAR II 1940-1942**

**The Beginning of World War II**

* World War II is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conflict in all of human history.
* It is important to remember that this conflict is incredibly complex, and involved countries, colonies, and territories across the entire world.
* It generally begins in the 1930’s with the rise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dictatorships that aggressively expanded their borders.

**Causes of WWII (WAR)**

* **W**=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + *Germany lost land, and was forced to pay reparations. Germans are bankrupt, embarrassed, and angry. Desperate Germans will turn to extremism.*
* **A**=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + *Giving someone what they want so they leave you alone. Germany claimed it only wanted its original territories back, and the Allies were keen to prevent war. “Peace in our time!”*
* **R**=\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + *Systems in which the state and its leaders have nearly total control. The good of the state comes before individuals and liberty. No right to vote, free speech. Govt. controls business and is often a police state.*

**Rise of Totalitarianism**

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**Asia and the Pacific in the 1930’s**

* During the 1900’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had become a major industrial power and one of the dominate power in Asia.
* Japan had also become more nationalistic and militaristic.
  + *By 1910 it had occupied the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peninsula.*
  + *In 1931 in invaded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
* During the 1930’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is embroiled in a civil war between the Nationalists led by Chiang Kai-shek, and the Communists led by Mao Zedong.
  + *Japan used this as an opportunity to take over parts of China during the 30’s.*
  + *In 1937, Japan uses the civil war as an excuse to officially declare war on China, both sides in China actually work together against the Japanese.*
* Some historians argue that this is actually the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Europe in the 1930’s**

* Hitler’s Nazi Germany became increasingly aggressive and violated many parts of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Germany had also entered into an alliance with Mussolini's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + *Germany annexed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Sudetenland in 1938.*
  + *In 1939 they take Czechoslovakia. Both times the Allies did nothing following the policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
* In 1939 Germany and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sign a mutual non-aggression pact. They agree not to attack one another and divide Eastern Europe.
* In Sept. 1939, Germany invades \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Great Britain and France declare war on Germany.
* This is considered the official start of WWII.

**1940- The Axis Gain Momentum**

* The acceleration of war in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ favors Nazi Germany and the Axis Powers.
* In 1940, Germany invades \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Italy also declares war on the Allies (Great Britain and France).
* *Germany use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(lighting war) overwhelm armies and expand quickly in Europe.*
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are used together.
  + *The Italians and British begin to fight in North Africa.*
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ falls to Germany in 1940! Things are not looking good…*
* In July of 1940, Germany begins to bomb Britain in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + *Britain is safe from the German blitz, and refuses to surrender to the Germans.*
* In Sept. the Axis powers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sign the Tripartite Pact.
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ join the Axis.*
* The British are able to defeat the Italians in Egypt. North Africa is generally a back and forth until American involvement.

**1941- Axis Momentum Accelerates**

* In 1941, the Axis powers continue to gain momentum, but will eventually stretch themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Germany and Italy invade Yugoslavia and Greece. At this point in the war is looks like the Axis are going \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + *But a miscalculation will change things…*
* The Soviet Union had largely been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When you attack Russia matters!
  + *In 1941, Hitler decides to attack the Soviet Union violating their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is a bold move and at first goes well for the Germans.*
  + *However, Germany will be fighting on two fronts against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Soviets.*

**The Pacific in 1941**

* Japan had been fighting with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was threatening European colonial holding in Southeast Asia.
  + *Japan had been flexing its imperial muscles in an attempt to gain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it lacks.*
* Japan is not the only imperial power in the Pacific. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ controlled much of the Eastern Pacific and the Philippines.
* In 1941, The U.S. places an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Japan. Leading to tension between the two powers and causing Japan to go on the offensive!
* Japan attacked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Singapore, Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and many Pacific islands including Hawaii.
* On Dec. 7th Japan launches a surprise bombing raid on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* After this the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Japan and enters WWII.

**The Pacific in 1942**

* The U.S. navy’s battleships were decimated by Pearl Harbor, but fortunately the navy’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were safe! This allowed the U.S. to retaliate.
* Eagar to score a victory the U.S. launches the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 16 U.S. bombers attack the Japanese mainland.
  + *This was not a major battle or even a strategic victory.*
  + *However, it was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ victory. Just months after Pearl Harbor the U.S. successfully carried out an attack on Japan.*
* At the Battle of the Coral Sea, both sides suffer heavy losses. The U.S. will rebound Japan will not.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is considered to be the real turning point in the Pacific.
  + *Japan launches an attack to cripple American aircraft carriers. But resulted in heavy losses (4 carriers are sunk) for Japan.*
* After the Battle of Midway, the Americans prevented the Japanese from invading \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + *These islands were close to the Allies Australia and New Zealand.*
* These two Battles turn the tide in America’s favor. But 1942 will also mark a turning point in the European theater.

**1942- The Tide Turns in Europe**

* Germany continued its invasion of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + *Germany gets bogged down fighting in Leningrad, and fail to capture Moscow.*
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, but Soviet forces are victorious and stop the Germany advance.*
* The Soviets pressured the Allies to open a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Europe, but instead chose to focus on North Africa.
  + *The Allies were able to successfully defend the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. American forces invade Morocco and British forces invade Libya.*