

**How did Dictators
Threaten World
Peace in the 1930's?**

A Dictator in the Soviet Union (U.S.S.R)

- Joseph Stalin
 - Came into power after Lenin's death in 1924 and ruled as **dictator**
 - **Dictator** is a ruler who has complete power over a country
 - Stalin ruled a **totalitarian state**
 - Single party controls the government and every aspect of people's lives
 - Through 5 year plans, industry expanded and a modern military force was built



Fascists in Italy

- Benito Mussolini seized power in Italy in 1922
- Played an Italian angle about the Versailles Treaty (WWI)
- Mussolini revealed a political career ambition to control the country
- He controlled the press and the resources of the government



Invading Ethiopia

- Mussolini used foreign conquest to distract Italians from economic problems at home
- Committed acts of **aggression**
 - Warlike act by one country against another without just cause
- Mussolini wanted to build a new **Roman Empire**
 - Invaded Ethiopia (Haile Selassie)
 - League of Nations responded weakly (no help)
 - Italy's modern army defeated Ethiopia

Rise of Nazi Germany

- Adolf Hitler took advantage over anger of Versailles Treaty
 - Germany was given total blame for the war and pay war **reparations**
 - Created the Nazi party
 - Became a dictator and created a militaristic totalitarian state.
 - Government controlled the press, schools, and religion



Attacks on Jews

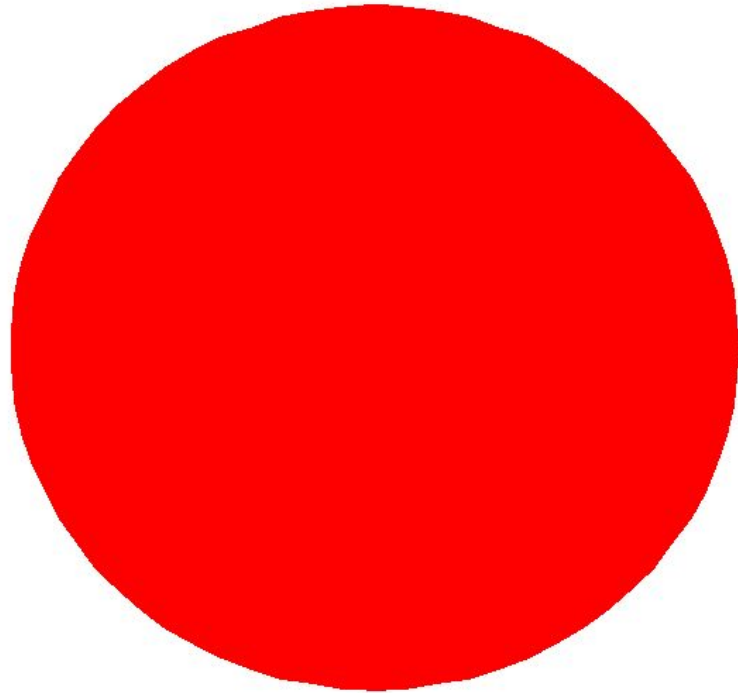
- Hitler and the Nazis preached a message of racial and religious hatred
- Blamed Jews, gypsies, and communists for Germany's troubles (used as **scapegoats**)
- Hitler claimed that German's belonged to a superior "Aryan" race
- Government sent Jews to **concentration camps**
- Hitler planned to kill all the Jews in Europe
(Final Solution)



German Military Buildup



Military Rule in Japan



American Foreign Policy

- Americans were too concerned about the depression to care about events overseas
- The U.S. developed an isolationist foreign policy and did not want to get involved in Europe and Asia
- **Neutrality Acts**
 - Laws banned arms sales or loans to countries at war
 - Limited economic ties to warring nations
- **FDR's Good Neighbor Policy** tried to establish friendly relations with Latin American countries
 - FDR wanted the nations in the Western Hemisphere to stick together in the face of European conflict

Conclusion

- **How did dictators threaten world peace in the 1930's?**
 - Built militaristic totalitarian states
 - Committed acts of aggression against other countries
 - **The League of Nations and the U.S, Britain, and France did little to stop Dictators & their aggression toward others**

**What were the
-
primary causes
of World War II?**

War In Europe

- German expansion
 - Hitler **annexed** (took over) Austria
 - Claimed the **Sudetenland**
 - Part of Czechoslovakia
 - Hitler planned to unite all German speaking people



Mussolini & Hitler
June 18, 1940
Munich, Germany

Munich Conference



**British Prime Minister
Neville Chamberlain**

Munich Conference



Appeasement Fails!

Hitler invades Poland

- Hitler and Stalin sign a non-aggression pact
- Hitler used this to attack Poland in other
- Hitler launches the Blitzkrieg (Lightning war) against Poland and
- Poland quickly falls to Hitler



A Global Conflict

After the invasion of Poland:

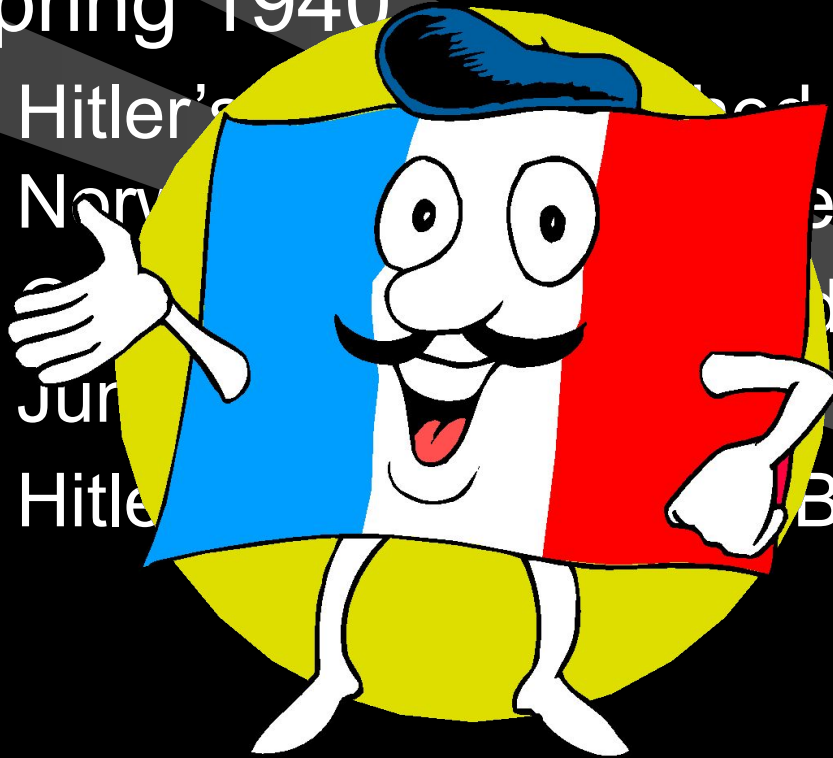
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FRANCE SURRENDERS!!!

- Spring 1940
 - Hitler's army moved through Denmark, Norway, and Belgium
 - and into Paris, France in June
 - Hitler then turned to Britain



Hitler in France



Battle of Britain



- After France fell, Britain stood alone in Europe
- British Prime Minister **Winston Churchill** rallied the people as Germany bombed Britain
- Hitler never gets Britain, this was of great importance to the allied war effort.
 - WHY?
 - **Britain gave the Allies a place to launch an offensive against Hitler**



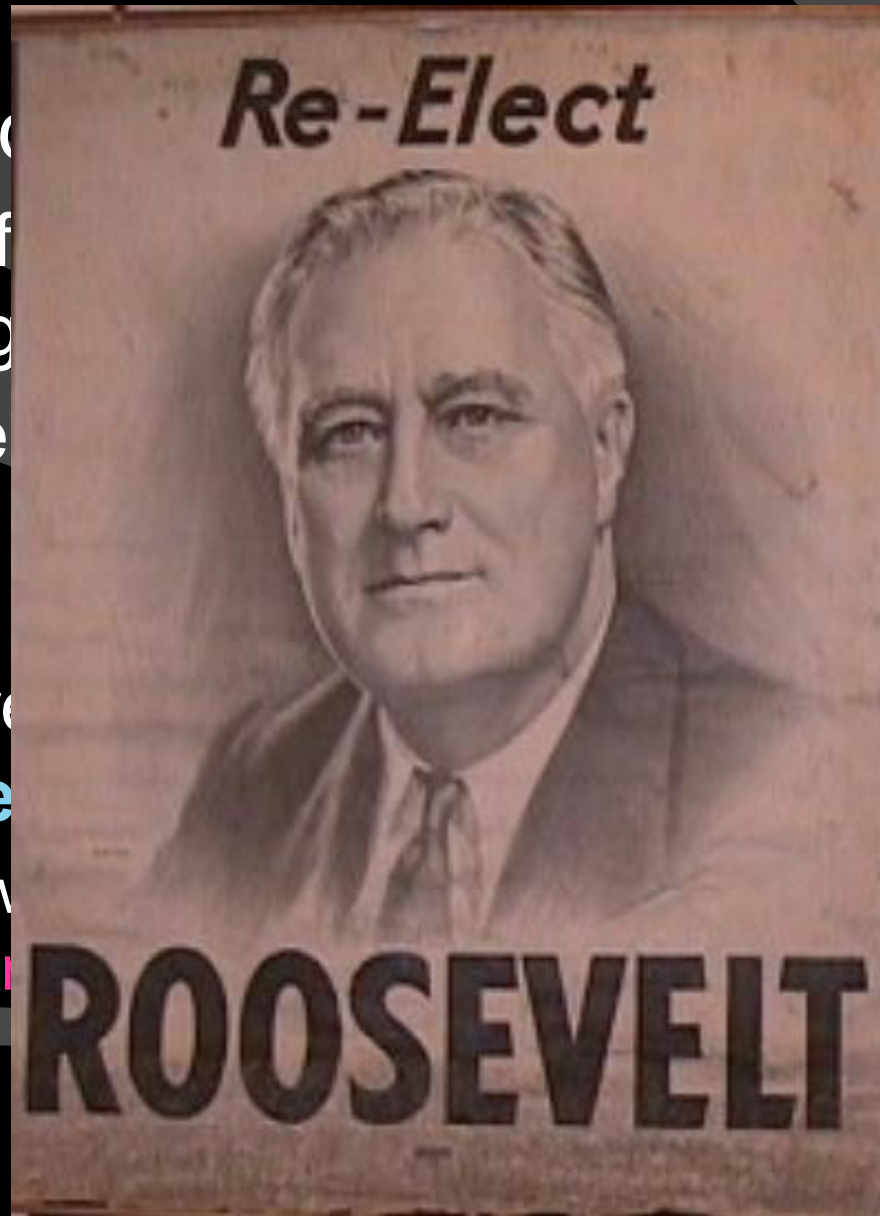
Scenes from “The Battle of Britain”

Germany’s massive bombardment of Britain



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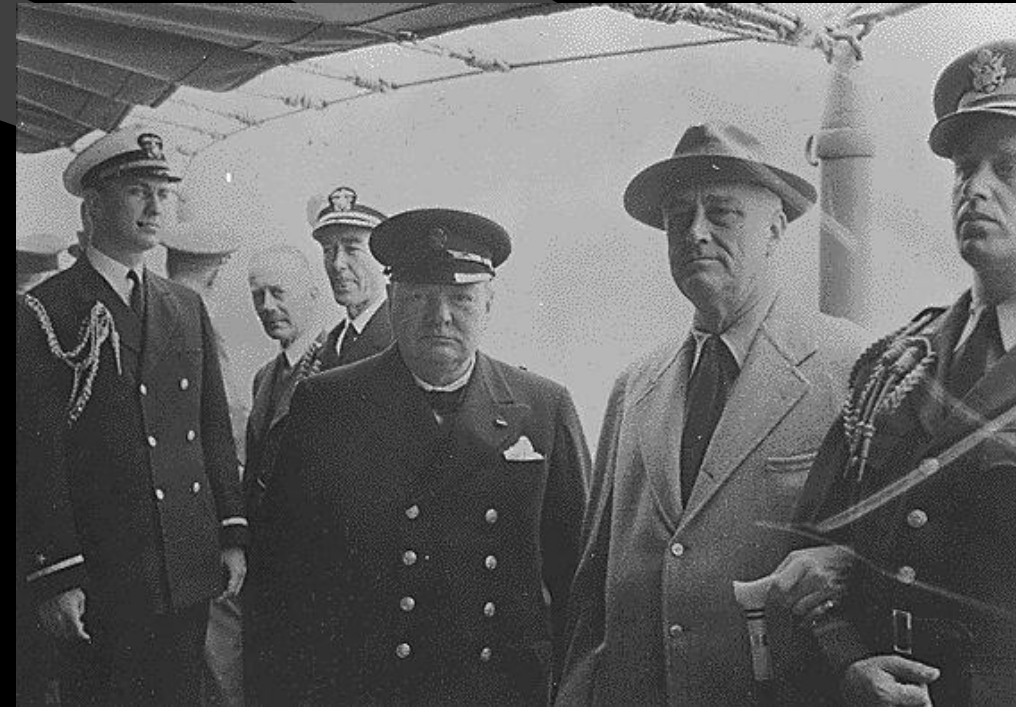
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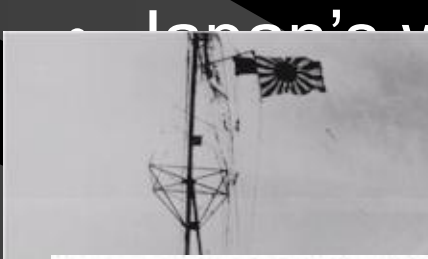
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U.S.A. as the “Arsenal of Democracy”

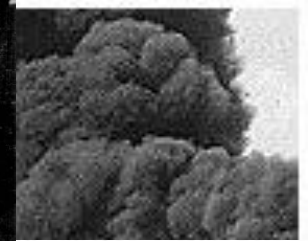
- FDR asked Congress to pass the **Lend-Lease** act
 - **The US sent war equipment to any country whose defense was vital to the US**
- FDR and Churchill formed the **Atlantic Charter**
 - **Pledged to support the right of all people to choose their own form of government**



The US enters the War!



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Conclusion:

- **What were the primary causes of WWII?**
 - Anger over Treaty of Versailles (Italy & Germany)
 - Aggression by Germany, Italy, and Japan
 - Failure of world powers *US, BR, FR, League of Nations* to stand up to aggression
 - The failure of the policy of **appeasement**
 - The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor