

World War II

Background in Europe

*There were widespread revolutions in Europe, mostly by:

Because-

Fascism:

Strong leaders were able to gain support because:

I. Soviet Union

A. October Revolution (1917)

B. When Lenin died, it was unclear who would replace him. The man who did replace him:

C. **Joseph Stalin**, gangster

Stalin's ideas:

*Make the Soviet Union a _____.
-agriculture:

response:

-industrialization:

response:

*Terror: Stalin did not let anyone get in his way.

The secret police:

"The death of one is a tragedy; the death of a million is just a statistic."

II. Great Britain

*During the Depression:

A. **Winston Churchill**

III. France

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I. **Henri Philippe Pétain**

IV. Italy

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A. **Benito Mussolini**

*Marched to Rome in 1922:

*declared himself *Il Duce* (_____) in 1925.

*suspended elections, centralized the economy, modernized army

*aggressive foreign policy:

V. Germany

The Government is called _____

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A. **Adolf Hitler**

*wasn't accepted to art school

*World War I veteran

*In 1920 he formed the National Socialist German Workers' party (NAZI)

*November 1923:

**Mein Kampf*

*Der Fuhrer January 1933:

*Hitler's ideas

*Hitler's appeal

*1936

VI. Japan

*wanted to establish itself as a _____

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*Tripartite Pact

WWII: The War in Europe until 1942

Germany wanted more land, especially in the _____, to expand Germany according to the Nazi policy of _____ which led to:

Austria:

Czechoslovakia:

Why was Hitler allowed to take these with no opposition?

VII. **Axis Victories**

*Blitzkrieg:

A. Poland was devastated in about _____.

- _____ helped Germany invade (part of _____).

****This event started _____

B. Scandinavia

A. The Soviet Union invaded _____.

*France and GB didn't want to get involved, but eventually decided to help protect

Norway and _____.

C. Norway:

VIII. German Victory in the West (fall of France, Belgium, Netherlands)

*The Germans used tanks and planes to an extreme, which the Allies weren't expecting.

A. Belgium and Netherlands:

B. The English Channel:

C. Dunkirk

*An Allied disaster,

D. Italy declares war on France on _____.

E. France

*On June 5th the German army heads towards Paris and

*On June _____ Paris fell. On June _____ an armistice was signed which:

IX. Battle of Britain – “The Blitz”

“The Battle of France is over, I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin.”

Churchill; 18 June 1940

“Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”

- Winston Churchill

*Britain holds out on peace hoping the US and SU will enter the war.

A. Operation Sea Lion

B. German air operations – phenomenal air force called _____

*Germany has more air power, but thought Britain's airpower would be like Poland's or France - oops: Begins bombing in:

C. Great Britain had the _____ (_____) who flew

*Britain bombs Berlin in response to being bombed in early Sept. This made Hitler furious, and he ordered:

X. German strategy

A. The Blitz: from _____ to _____

*It was the:
Hitler's main goal was to destroy _____. He failed.

*Hitler also wants to invade the SU because:

*Balkans:

XI. Victory in the East

An important tip for life: *Never Invade Russia.*

A. Operation Barbarossa – largest invasion in recorded history. Began on:

*Hitler believes:

B. Everyone who was captured was to be killed. A war without Mercy.

C. Had three main objectives, or targets:

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D. At first – great victories for Hitler – seen as “liberators” by some. However, the 3-pronged attack has worked, and now sitting at the front lines of Moscow which are weak, but Hitler's problem was that he:

Hitler's Generals ask: _____

Hitler decides to send his Central Army to _____

Why was this dumb?

E. Battle of Moscow – the Germans got close enough to Moscow that they could:

However, while Hitler had helped out his North and South armies, the Soviets had?

Soviet troops were shipped in from:

And finally, the biggest ally of the Soviet Union was _____

Why?

*December 5, 1941:

*The battle _____. It was the first time since 1918:

XII. The United States enters the war in Europe on _____.

*Most troops were sent to Europe because:

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