

# What Lead to World War Two?

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NOTE: Events with boxes are violations of the Treaty of Versailles

## American Great Depression

1929 – 1939

Japan Attacks Manchuria  
1931

League of Nations Condemns Action

Hitler Rearms Germany  
1935

Mussolini Attacks Ethiopia  
1935

Germany Enters Rhineland  
1936

Spanish Civil War  
1936

Germany Annexes Austria  
1938

Germany Wants Suedetenland  
1938

Axis Alliance Created  
1939

Germany takes over Czechoslovakia  
1939



Germany Invades Poland  
1939

WWII Begins

End Of WWI  
1918



League Of Nations Established  
1919

Treaty Of Versailles Signed  
1919

Hyper-Inflation in Germany  
1923



1920

1925

1930

1935

1940

1945

YEAR

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## MAJOR EVENT BREAKDOWN

### 1923 - HYPER INFLATION IN GERMANY

The Weimar Republic mass-produced currencies in order to pay off the war reparations (Germany had to agree to the war guilt clause at the end of WWI)

### 1931 – Japan Attacks Manchuria

Japan invaded Manchuria (a section of northeastern china) to acquire raw materials. Since Japan was industrializing at a rapid pace and Japan had few raw materials, they needed to acquire them. The League of Nations condemned the action. In response, Japan left the League. President Hoover wanted no part in an American military action in the Far East.

### 1935 – Fascist Agression (Hitler Rearms/Mussolini Attacks Ethiopia)

Hitler openly denounced the Versailles Treaty as well as the League of Nations. He also begins to re-arm the German Military, which was also against the treaty.

Mussolini invades Ethiopia – carrying out another action that was against the treaty.

### 1936 – Germany Remilitarizes Rhineland

Hitler remilitarizes Rhineland, the German buffer on the border of France. This was against the treaty. Hitler thought of the action as his test of Europe saying, “Europe will never act”. The League of Nations, as well as Europe doesn’t respond.

### 1936 – Spanish Civil War

Fascist forces sent to fight with Fransisco Franco in Spain in the Spanish Civil War. It was believed to be a “rehearsal for WWII”. Italy and Germany sent troops. USSR sent troops as well. (on the opposite side)

### 1938 – More German Aggression (Annexation of Austria/Wants Sudetenland)

Austria becomes part of Germany and the League doesn’t react.

Germany wants the Sudetenland – an area of Czechoslovakia where many Germans lived. Czechoslovakia was prepared to start a war over the land but, it was adverted with the Munich Agreement.

### 1939 – Axis Alliance is Formed, Germany Invades Czechoslovakia

German invades the rest of Czechoslovakia. Nothing is done.

### 1939 – Germany Invades Poland – WII Begins

Britian and France said they would protect Poland, and they did. Both countries declared war on Germany.

### 1939 Munich Agreement

Hitler met with French and British leaders to discuss the Sudetenland. Britian *appeased* Hitler and gave him the Sudetenland. Hitler, in turn, promises to end German aggression. This action adverted the war for a year.

### 1939 Nazi-Soviet Pact

Germany and Russia agreed not to fight each other.

- Hitler wanted to avoid a 2 front war
- Stalin needed time to prepare for war
- Secretly agreed to divide up Poland