

# HITLER'S WAR OF AGGRESSION

## AGENDA:

1. HITLER'S WAR OF AGGRESSION NOTES



# ENTRY TASK

## HITLER WANTS MORE LAND

- **PREDICT: WHAT COUNTRIES WILL HE TRY TO TAKE OVER FIRST?**



# NINE STEPS

- **TODAY WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE 9 STEPS OF HITLER'S WAR OF AGGRESSION**
- **WRITE THIS AT THE TOP OF YOUR NOTES:**
  - **RABIDLY RACIST ADOLF SUDDENLY MADE COUNTRIES**  
**NEED POWERFUL WEAPONS**



# 1. HITLER RE-ARMS



- **HITLER ANNOUNCED THAT GERMANY WOULD NO LONGER OBEY THE VERSAILLES TREATY**
- **STARTED RE-ARMING GERMANY IN 1935**
  - **DELIGHTED THE GERMAN PEOPLE – CREATED JOBS AND PROMISED THEM RENEWED POWER**
  - **OTHER COUNTRIES ISSUED A MILD CONDEMNATION BUT DID NOTHING**

• **AFTER RE-ARMING, GERMANY  
BEGINS TO TAKE OVER THE LAND IT  
LOST IN WWI**



# 2. RHINELAND

- **MARCH 1936 – GERMAN TROOPS ENTERED THE RHINELAND**
  - **WENT AGAINST THE VERSAILLES TREATY**
  - **GERMANY HAD USED THIS AS A BASE FOR ATTACKS IN WWI**
- **BUT BRITAIN AND FRANCE TOOK NO ACTION**
  - **FOLLOWED A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT**
    - **GIVING IN TO AN ENEMY, HOPING THAT MAKES THEM HAPPY AND THEY STOP**



# 3. ANSCHLUSS

- **DEMANDS FOR ANSCHLUSS - THE UNION OF AUSTRIA AND GERMANY HAD INCREASED AFTER HITLER BECAME GERMAN CHANCELLOR**
- **MARCH 1938 – GERMANY'S ARMY OCCUPIES AUSTRIA**
- **BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAD PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED TO PROTECT AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE, BUT IGNORED THEIR PLEDGE**







# 4. SUDETENLAND

- **HITLER NEXT TURNED TO CZECHOSLAVAKIA**
- **ABOUT 3 MILLION GERMAN-SPEAKING PEOPLE LIVED IN THE SUDETENLAND (PART OF CZECH.)**
  - **1938 - HITLER DEMANDED THE SUDETENLAND**
- **CZECHS REFUSED AND ASKED FRANCE FOR HELP**



# 5. MUNICH CONFERENCE

- **FRANCE, BRITAIN, ITALY AND GERMANY MET AT THE MUNICH CONFERENCE IN SEP. OF 1938**
- **GAVE HITLER THE SUDETENLAND TO TRY TO PROTECT THE PEACE**
  - **IN RETURN, HITLER AGREED TO RESPECT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NEW BORDERS**

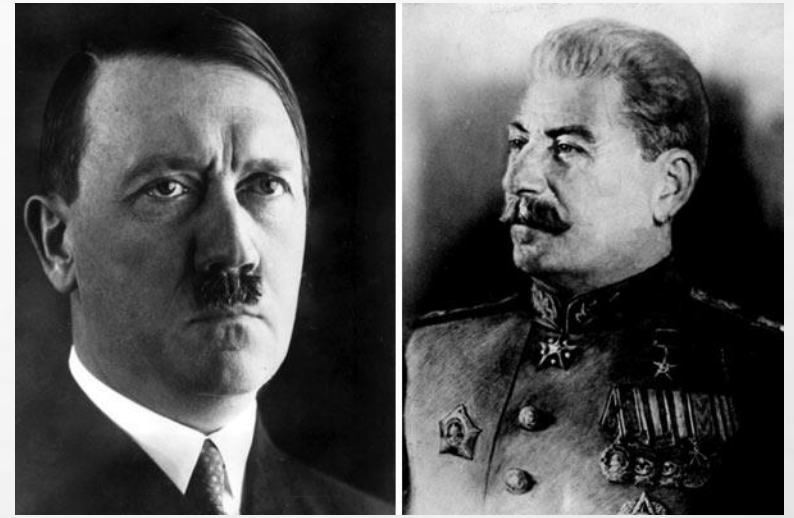


# 6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA



- **LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE MUNICH CONFERENCE, HITLER TOOK CZECHOSLOVAKIA**
- **MARCH 1939**

# 7. NON-AGGRESSION PACT



- **BRITAIN AND FRANCE GREW WORRIED**
- **ASKED THE SOVIET UNION TO JOIN THEM IN STOPPING HITLER**
- **WHILE STALIN NEGOTIATED WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE, HE ALSO NEGOTIATED WITH HITLER**
- **FINALLY, GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION SIGNED A NON-AGGRESSION PACT ON AUG. 23, 1939**

# 8. POLAND

- **NOW THAT HITLER HAD THE SOVIET UNION ON HIS SIDE, HE QUICKLY MOVED AHEAD WITH HIS PLANS TO CONQUER POLAND**
- **SURPRISE ATTACK – SEP 1, 1939**



# 9. WAR!

- **FRANCE AND BRITAIN FINALLY DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY ON SEP 3, 1939**
- **COULDN'T STOP HITLER BEFORE HE TOOK POLAND**
- **WAR HAD OFFICIALLY BEGUN – BUT IT WOULD BE OVER 6 MONTHS BEFORE BRITAIN AND FRANCE WOULD REALLY START FIGHTING**



# America's Reaction to the War in Europe

## ➔ USA=NEUTRAL

➔ Didn't want to get involve in another world war

➔ Focus on itself & rebuilding after WWI & Great Depression

... and the Wolf chewed up the children and spit out their bones ...  
But those were Foreign Children and it really didn't matter."





# MNEMONIC TO HELP YOU REMEMBER THE 9 STEPS

- **RABIDLY RACIST ADOLF SUDDENLY MADE COUNTRIES NEED POWERFUL WEAPONS.**
- **(RE-ARMS, RHINELAND, ANSCHLUSS, SUDETENLAND, MUNICH, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NON-AGGRESSION, POLAND, WAR)**