

Origins of World War II

A. The Treaty of Versailles Ends WWI – The 14 Points for World Peace

Promise

- a) League of Nations
- b) No one is to blame
- c) Fair boundaries
Polish corridor
- d) Open seas and trade
- e) Fair colonial boundaries
- f) Open treaties
- g) Disarmament

Reality

- a) U.S. refuses to join
- b) Germany pays for the war
- c) France takes Alsace, Italy takes Trieste,
- d) High tariffs
- e) England and France seize mandates
- f) Allies invade Russia
- g) Washington Naval Conference,
U.S./England keep more ships / 5:5:3:1:1

B. Events in Europe: A Chronology

- 1933: Hitler seizes control of Germany
- 1934: Italy invades Ethiopia
- 1935: German Jews lose political rights
- 1936: Germany reoccupies the Rhineland/violates WWI treaty
Civil War in Spain
Germany and Italy sign Berlin-Rome Axis
- 1938: Germany occupies Austria and part of Czechoslovakia
Great Britain and France back down at Munich
German Jews attacked by Nazis
- 1939: Italy invades Albania
Germany and Russia agree not to fight
Germany invades Czechoslovakia and Poland
Great Britain and France declare war on Germany
Japan joins German-Italians alliance
- 1940: Germany defeats France
- 1941: Germany attacks the Soviet Union

C. Events in Asia: A Chronology

- 1931: Japan occupies Manchuria
- 1937: Japan invades China
Japan "accidentally" attacks U.S. ships
- 1940: Japan allies with Germany and Italy
- 1941: Japan seizes South East Asia
Japan attacks the Phillipines and Hawaii