

- CAUSES OF WW II



# Treaty of Versailles

## *Peace treaty that ended WWI*

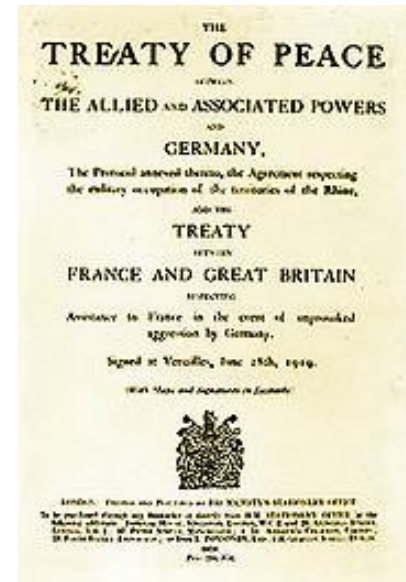
Germany blamed & pay reparations for WWI.

Took part of German territory

Reduced military

Economy is ruined & in debt

Resented how they were treated.



# Mussolini

Italian Fascist party - dictator of Italy.

Fascism – extreme patriotism & nationalism  
racial superiority  
dictatorship



# Hitler

National Socialist Workers' Party (Nazi Party).

Dictator

German racial superiority



# Tojo

- Japan – prime minister
- Invade Asian territory
- Wanted raw/natural resources – ex: oil

# Totalitarianism

- Citizens are subject to an absolute state authority - dictatorship

## Axis Powers

- Germany
- Italy
- Japan

# Great Depression

World's economy to collapse.

Spread of unrest & despair.

Foreign countries turn to dictators to fix economic problems.



# Appeasement – Munich Agreement

Germany threatens military force.

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain met Hitler in Munich  
Compromise - Hitler promised to stop future aggression if given  
Czechoslovakia .

Chamberlain gave in to Hitler's threat (appeasement).



Prime Minister Chamberlain

Adolf Hitler

Benito Mussolini

Munich Agreement



# Invasion of Poland

September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland.

Breaking promise made during the Munich Agreement to stop aggression  
France & Great Britain declare war on Germany.



# Pearl Harbor

Japan needed raw materials from other Asian countries.

U.S. Navy in the Pacific - in their way, blocked their expansion.

Japan attacked U.S. at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Brought U.S. into WWII on the side of the Allies.



*USS West Virginia*