

# Warm Up

Answer the following questions based on the map of German expansion (p. 811):

- a. Which country controlled Libya?
- b. What is the capital city of Czechoslovakia?
- c. Which body of water lies between Germany and Sweden?
- d. Which occupied territory lies between Germany and France?

# Essential Question

- How did World War II begin?



# Paths to War

# Beliefs of Adolf Hitler

- Germans belonged to a superior Aryan race
- Germany was capable of building a great civilization
- Germany needed more land to support a larger population

# Violations of the Treaty of Versailles



- March 1935 – creation of a new air force
- March 1935 – military draft to strengthen Germany's troops

# Violations of the Treaty of Versailles

- March 1936 – Hitler sent German troops into the Rhineland (a demilitarized area between Germany and France)

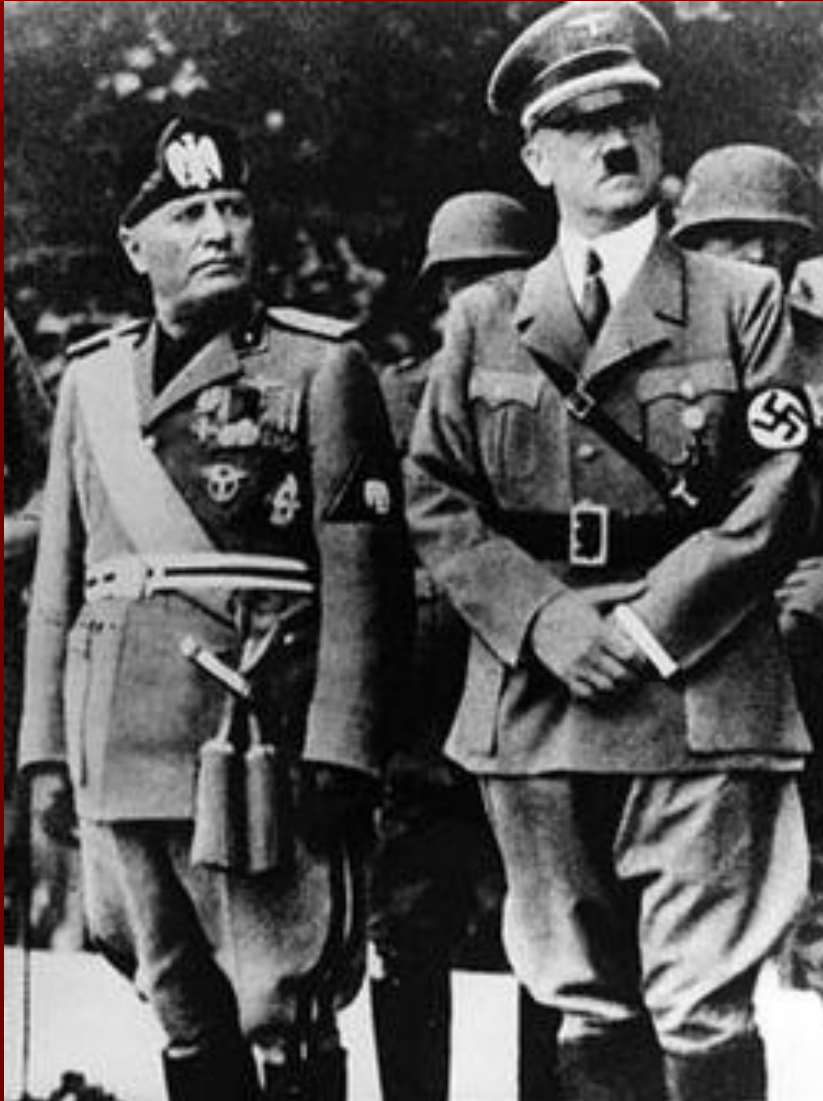


# Europe's Response

- Refused to use force to uphold the treaty
- Policy of appeasement = give in to demands in order to keep peace



# New Alliances



- 1936 – Mussolini and Hitler sent troops into Spain to help Franco
- Rome-Berlin Axis = agreement on common political and economic interests



# The Austrian Anschluss

- March 1938 – Hitler sent troops into Austria
- Announced the unification (*anschluss*) of Germany and Austria



# Sudetenland



- Part of Czechoslovakia with German-speaking people
- Sept. 1938 – Hitler demanded this area become a part of Germany

# Munich Conference

- Representatives of Britain, France, Italy, and Germany met to decide Czechoslovakia's fate



- Sept. 29, 1938

# Munich Conference

- Britain and France agreed to Hitler's demands
- Height of appeasement





Austria



Sudetenland



German territory



# Appeasement

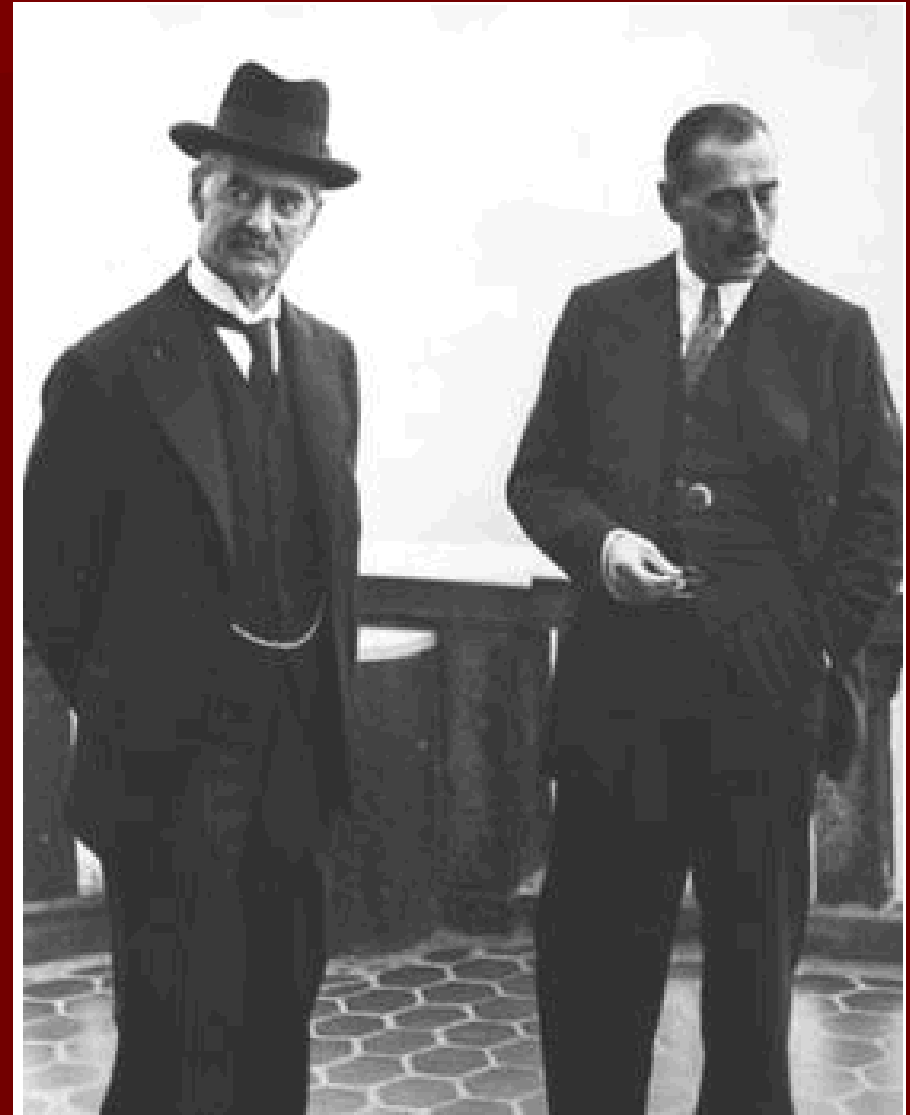


- Supporters of appeasement believed Hitler had a few limited demands
- Avoid war and give Hitler what he wanted

# Appeasement

- British Prime Minister Chamberlain:

“A peace with honor  
. . . Peace in our  
time.”



# Czechoslovakia



- March 1939
- Germany sent troops into Czechoslovakia and broke up the country



# Danzig, Poland

- Oct. 1938 – Hitler demanded the return of the city of Danzig (part of Poland) to Germany
- Important Baltic Sea port



# Response of Europe



- Realized appeasement had failed
- If Poland went to war to defend its territory, Britain and France would come to its aid

# German Response

- May 1939
- Hitler ordered German army to prepare to invade Poland



# Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Pact



- August 23, 1939
- Treaty between Germany and the USSR
- Secret deal to divide Poland between the two

# Beginning of World War II

- Sept. 1, 1939
- Germany invaded Poland from the west
- Soon after, the USSR invaded Poland from the east



# Beginning of World War II

- Sept. 3, 1939
- France and Britain declared war on Germany



# Japan and War

- Sept. 1931 –  
Japan invaded  
Manchuria  
(northern  
China)
- Desired  
resources



# War With China

- Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek
- July 1937 – clashes between Japan and China south of Beijing





# Japan Massacres Nanjing

- Japan took control of Nanjing in 1937
- Executed 250,000 to 300,000 people



# Japanese Expansion (1933-1942)





# U.S. Sanctions

- U.S. threatened to apply sanctions (restrictions intended to enforce international laws)



# U.S. Sanctions

- Japan purchased oil and scrap iron from the U.S.
- Decided to launch a surprise attack on U.S. and European colonies in southeast Asia

