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Axis Powers Advance

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- **Trace the course of German aggression and British resistance in Europe.**
- **Describe the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.**
- **Explain how Japanese imperialism and the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into the war.**

Axis Domination of Europe

Hitler began using **blitzkrieg**, “lightning war” that used quick tactics of tank & air power to destroy an enemy

Luftwaffe- German air force, would bomb troops & civilians



The Soviet Union grabbed land to the east of Poland that they were promised

France & Britain declare War on Germany

Hitler Advances

**Hitler continued across Europe taking Norway,
Denmark, the Netherlands, & Belgium**

**The French & British forces held the Maginot Line in
France to prepare for Germany...**

**...Only to have France invaded by a German
surprise attack through the Ardenne Forest**

**The British forces flee, but are soon trapped
between the Nazi army & the English
Channel**



Britain & France

The British forces were surrounded at the beaches of Dunkirk, more than half of the entire army

England sends all available boats to Dunkirk to rescue 300,000 troops in the [miracle of Dunkirk](#)



June 22, 1940 France surrenders to the Axis powers & Germany occupied the country

French officers escape to England to set up a government in exile.

Churchill

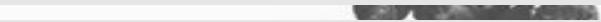
Winston Churchill becomes Prime minister of England & gave a voice of determination to England

Hitler begins “Operation Sea Lion” to try & invade Britain. German bombers attacked daily

For 57 nights England was bombed during **The Blitz, but Britain continued on**

Hitler begins a “new world order” to create a master race in Europe with new governments

Erwin Rommel, “The Desert Fox”, takes control of North Africa for Germany



Nazis Attack the Soviet Union

Hitler breaks the Nazi-Soviet agreement & begins Operation Barbarossa to take the Soviet Union

Stalin orders soldiers to flee, burning towns & farms along the way



Winter approaches & begins to freeze the German forces who were unprepared

Sieges on the Soviet Cities caused Stalin to join Britain in the Allied Powers

U.S. Involvement

The U.S. signs the neutrality acts to escape the war, but **President Roosevelt** finds ways to support the allies

Lend-Lease Act- U.S. could sell war materials to any country whose defense was vital to the U.S.

Atlantic Charter- Roosevelt & Churchill set goals for the war to stop Nazi tyranny



Tensions with Japan

Japan was in the process of collecting territory in the Pacific ocean

The U.S. banned the sales of war materials (oil, steel, iron) to Japan



General Hideki Tojo becomes prime minister sees this as a threat and plans for retaliation

December 7th, 1941 Japan attacks [Pearl Harbor](#) in Hawaii destroying most of the U.S. Navy