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Aggression, Appeasement, & War

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

- Describe how the Western democracies responded to aggression.
- Explain the significance of the Spanish Civil War.
- Understand how German aggression led Europe into World War II.

A Pattern of Aggression

Dictators began taking violent action, while the Democracies just plead for peace

Japan wanted more power & seizes Manchuria & leaves the League of Nations



Mussolini invades Ethiopia in Africa. The League of Nations only puts sanctions on Italy

Hitler builds up a military & begins to take territory to violate the Treaty of Versailles

Appeasement

Giving into the demands of an aggressor in order to keep the peace

France was afraid to take on a war without Britain, & most of the world didn't want to fight another world war



Pacifism- Opposition to all war. Countries were disgusted with WWI

The United States passes the **Neutrality Acts- forbidding the sale of weapons or loans to warring nations**



Spanish Civil War

Spain gets involved in a civil war. New reforms sent the communists & conservatives into arguments

Francisco Franco led a revolt with the **Nationalists** to take Spain



Hitler & Mussolini lend weapons to Franco, to test them, while Stalin supports the loyalists

1937- City of Guernica is bombed killing 1,000 civilians

1939- Franco seizes power & creates a fascist dictatorship in Spain

German Aggression

Hitler seeks to grow his “Third Reich” & believed that Germany had a right to conquer

Anschluss- Union of Austria & Germany, Hitler easily takes Austria to “keep the peace”

Hitler insists on taking the Sudetenland, & Britain & France scramble to find a way to keep peace

Munich Conference- Hitler gets the Sudetenland & promises not to expand any territory



World War II Begins

Winston Churchill- Fears that Germany will not keep their word & warns Britain

1939- Hitler takes Czechoslovakia, Britain & France vow to protect Poland



Nazi-Soviet Pact- Hitler & Stalin agree to peace & to divide up Poland if the other goes to war

September 1st. 1939- Hitler invades Poland & Britain & France declare war