

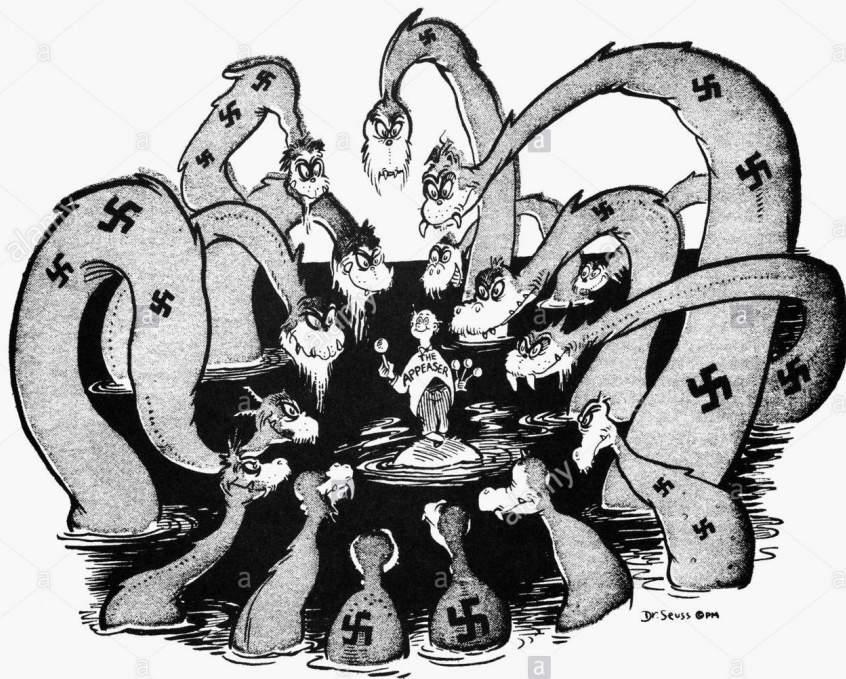
Steps Toward WWII: Aggression and Appeasement

What is appeasement?

What nations became aggressive?

Why did The League of Nations and European powers chose the policy of appeasement?

'Remember . . . One More Lollypop, and Then You All Go Home!'



BENITO MUSSOLINI AND ITALIAN AGGRESSION

What was Benito Mussolini's Goal?

What nation did Italy attack? Why?

How did the League of Nations respond to Italian Aggression?

After Italy attacked Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia, asked the League of Nations for help in stopping the invasion. He asked for military sanctions but the League of Nations' response was ineffective. Haile Selassie used these words to the League of Nations: "God and history will remember your judgment. . . . It is us today. It will be you tomorrow."



Source: Adolf Hitler, Speech on the Treaty of Versailles (1923). So long as this Treaty stands there can be no resurrection of the German people; no social reform of any kind is possible! The Treaty was made in order to bring 20 million Germans to their deaths and to ruin the German nation. But those who made the Treaty cannot set it aside. As its foundation our Movement formulated three demands: 1. Setting aside of the Peace Treaty. 2. Unification of all Germans. 3. Land and soil [Grund und Boden] to feed our nation. Our movement could formulate these demands, since it was not our Movement which caused the War, it has not made the Republic, it did not sign the Peace Treaty. **According to Hitler, What is wrong with the treaty?**

GERMAN AGGRESSION

German aggression begins with Adolf Hitler defying the Treaty of Versailles:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

What did the League of Nations do?

THE RHINELAND: Germany invaded the Rhineland in 1936

What was the Rhineland and how did the League of Nations respond?

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Why did Germany want to control the Rhineland?

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Why did France appease Germany?

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The German re-occupation of the Rhineland was a **TURNING POINT**:

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The Great U. S. Sideshow



What do these political cartoons suggest about the US position in the 1930s?

Why do you think Americans favored isolation?



Adolf Hitler and the German Third Reich

The Third Reich =

In 1937 Adolf Hitler announced he would absorb two nations into the German Empire:

1)

2)

This Anschluss or _____
_____ was forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles. WHY?

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How did Europeans React?

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Czechoslovakia—The Sudetenland

What was the Sudetenland?

Why did Hitler want to control the Sudetenland?

What effect did the Anschluss have on how people in the Sudetenland viewed the Nazis?

Hitler **DEMANDED** that the Sudetenland and all of Czechoslovakia be given to Germany. The Czechs refused and begged _____ for help. What did they do?

THE AXIS POWERS: GERMANY, ITALY AND JAPAN

Hitler's success convinced Mussolini (Italy) and Hirohito (Japan) to seek an alliance.

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The Munich Conference—September 1938

In 1938 the major powers of Europe gathered in Munich to discuss the issue of German aggression in Czechoslovakia (not present). The agreement was signed by Germany, United Kingdom, France and Italy. RESULTS:

1)

2)

3)

4)

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"Peace for Our Time"

Two British Perspectives on Munich

Neville Chamberlain: "My good friends, for the second time in our history, a British Prime Minister has returned from Germany bringing peace with honour. I believe it is peace for our time...Go home and get a nice quiet sleep."

Sir Winston Churchill: "We are in the presence of a disaster...we have sustained a defeat without a war... This is only the first sip of a bitter cup..."

Further German Aggression

Hitler Wants More...DEMANDS Polish port of Danzig (lost by Germany in the Treaty of Versailles). Poland refused and asked _____ for help.

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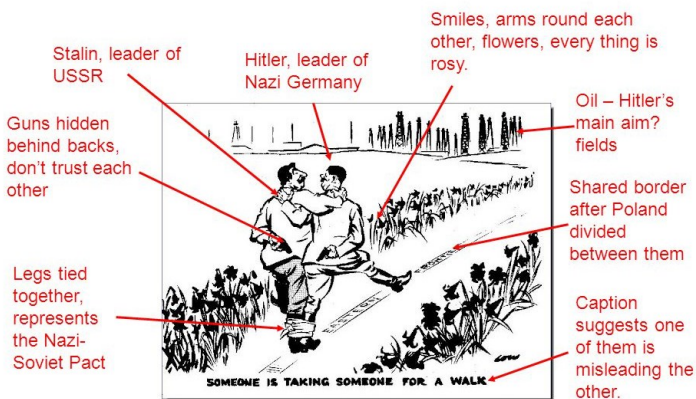
The Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact

The Pact (1939):

Joseph Stalin:

Adolf Hitler:

Poland:



Cartoonists suggests that the Nazi-Soviet Pact is temporary- but who is tricking who? Has Hitler avoided a war on two fronts?

The German Invasion of Poland



The New York Times. EXTRA

GERMAN ARMY ATTACKS POLAND;
CITIES BOMBED, PORT BLOCKADED;
DANZIG IS ACCEPTED INTO REICH