

Aim: Why did the policy of appeasement fail to stop the aggression of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini?

What is appeasement?

What nations became aggressive towards other nations?

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



What generalization about appeasement can be made based up this Dr. Seuss cartoon?

Italian Aggression

What did Benito Mussolini want to create?

What nation did Italy attack? Why was this nation chosen? Why was this nation easily conquered?



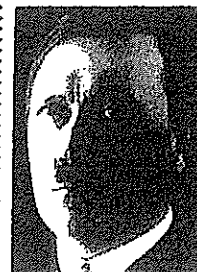
How did the League of Nations respond to the Italian invasion?

German Aggression

Hitler began to disobey the Treaty of Versailles in 1935.

What actions did Hitler take to defy the terms of The Treaty?

Following the terms of the Treaty is now VERBOTEN!



'So long as this Treaty stands there can be no resurrection of the German people; The Treaty was made to bring 20 million Germans to their deaths and to ruin Germany, nation.'
- Adolf Hitler

German Aggression

On March 20, 1936 Germany marched into the Rhineland. What was the Rhineland? What was the reaction of the League of Nations?

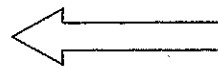


Why did Germany want control of the Rhineland?

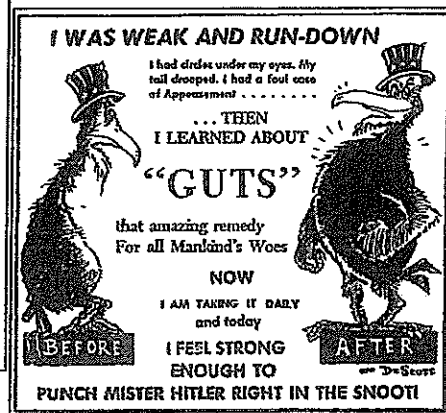
Why did France APPEASE Germany?

Why was the reoccupation of the Rhineland a turning point in the march towards WWII?

The Great U. S. Sideshow



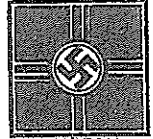
What was the position of the United States when all of this was going on?



Why did many Americans favor isolation? Did all Americans feel this way?

We Always Were Suckers for Ridiculous Hats ...

The Third Reich - 1937



What was the "Third Reich?"

Hitler announced that he will absorb _____ & _____ into the Third Reich or German Empire.

This Anschluss or _____ was forbidden by the Treaty.

Why was Anschluss forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles?

When was Anschluss achieved? How did Europeans react?

A woman weeps as the Nazi's march into Austria.



What/where was the Sudetenland? Why did Hitler want to control the Sudetenland?

What effect did 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 _____ and _____ for help.

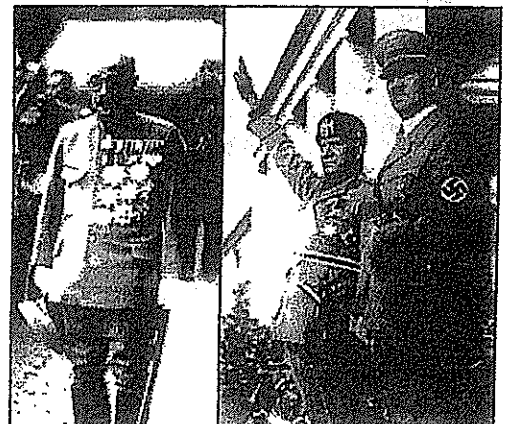
The Axis Powers

Hitler's success convinced Mussolini to seek an alliance with him.

1936- Hitler and Mussolini formed the _____ Axis.

Japan soon allied itself with Italy and Germany- This group became known as the _____ Powers.

How is the relationship similar to those that causes World War I?



The Munich Conference

Background: Britain and France were preparing for war with Italy

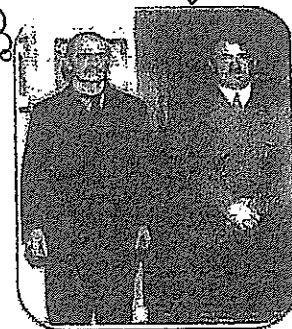
Issue:

What did Neville Chamberlin believe?

What were the results of the Munich Conference?

"We have achieved peace for our time!"

Ja, Freiden.



Neville Chamberlin & Adolf Hitler at the Munich Conference

The Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact

Britain and France asked Stalin and the USSR to join them in stopping Hitler's aggression. However, Stalin was already negotiating with the Axis Powers. On August 23, 1939 Hitler and Stalin signed the Non-Aggression Pact.

What did the two dictators agree to?



Hitler: "The scum of the Earth I believe."

Stalin: "The bloody assassin of the workers I presume?"

Why are Stalin and Hitler standing over Poland?

