

The Causes of The Second World War



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🎯 Starter : use the images to help determine six major factors that helped cause the Second World War

Starter	
1	My Guess
	Answer
2	My Guess
	Answer
3	My Guess
	Answer
4	My Guess
	Answer
5	My Guess
	Answer
6	My Guess
	Answer



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Rank Importance

Aim : consider and explain how six causes helped cause the Second World War and the rank their importance.

1 : The Legacy of WW1

Main Point :

Example 1

Example 2

Explain HOW this it helped cause WW2 (LINK)

2 : The Failure of League

Describe WHY the League Failed

1:

2 :

3 :

HOW the League's Failure helped cause WW2

1 :

2 :

3:

3 : The Global Depression

Word	Best fit	Option
Sanction		Together
Collective		Good
Security		Extreme
Moral		Punishment
Pressure		In need
Radical		Safety
Desperate		Force

4 : Hitler's Foreign Policy

Main Point :

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Explain HOW this it helped cause WW2 (LINK)

5 : Appeasement

Describe Appeasement in 1938

1:

2 :

3 :

HOW Appeasement helped cause WW2

1 :

2 :


3:

6 : The Nazi-Soviet Pact

In August _____ Hitler and _____ surprised the world by signing the Nazi -Soviet Non - _____ Pact. Even though they were sworn _____ both felt they could benefit from the agreement as they gained more _____ to prepare for war. They also agreed to divide _____ between them. It helped start the war because it gave Hitler the confidence to invade _____ without fear of an immediate attack from the Soviets.

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The Long and Short Term Causes of WW2

Discover: the causes of the WW2 **Explore:** how to classify them **Skill:** causation and classification.

The Treaty of Versailles



The treaty was seen as severe. It damaged Germany economically, made her weak and hurt German pride. Hitler would use this bitterness and anger as fuel for his speeches and to justify for his foreign policy.

The Global Depression



The Wall Street Crash marked the start of a Global Depression. This helped dictators come to power and other countries were too weak to stand against them.

Hitler becomes Chancellor



Fuelled by his anger at Versailles and helped to power by the depression, Hitler's foreign policy would eventually push Europe to war. He started with rebuilding the small, weak German army.

The League of Nations Fails



The League was created on the idea of **Collective Security:** countries standing together against aggression. In 1935, the League failed to stop to Mussolini's attack on Abyssinia. The League was not taken seriously after this event.

The Rhineland: reoccupied



The Rhineland was German land on the border with France. Under Versailles, Germany was forbidden from putting troops there. Hitler took a gamble and marched his army into this area.

The Nazi-Soviet Pact



The NSNAP was a surprising agreement between Hitler and Stalin. It opened the way for Hitler to invade Poland without fear of Soviet attack. The Nazi invasion of Poland was the trigger for WW2.

The Munich Agreement



As Hitler grew stronger he wanted more. Europe feared war over the Sudetenland. After talks in Munich, Germany, the Sudetenland was given to Hitler. In return, he promised this was his last territorial demand.

Anschluss: Austria annexed



Austria and Germany had been banned from joining together. Hitler (Austrian) believed the two countries should be united. He ignored Versailles and arranged a vote. The Austrians voted to join with Germany.

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June 1919	The Treaty of Versailles signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1924	Hitler writes Mein Kampf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oct 1929	The Global Depression begins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan 1933	Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1933	Hitler begins to rebuild his army in secret	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan 1935	The Saar is returned by plebiscite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oct 1935	Abyssinia Invasion : The League is dead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mar 1936	Rhineland reoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nov 1936	Rome Berlin Axis : Hitler Mussolini Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1937	The Spanish Civil War	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mar 1938	Anschluss with Austria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1938	Stalin pushes for an alliance with Chamberlain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sep 1938	The Munich Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mar 1939	Nazis invade Czechoslovakia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aug 1939	The Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sep 1939	Britain declares war on Germany			
Sep 1939	The Second World War has begun			
Jun 1941	Operation Barbarossa: Germany attacks USSR			

Lightly shade the event bar to sort the causes into the following.

Long Term Cause
 Short Term Cause
 Tipping Point
 Trigger

Now colour code red circles to classify events into major causes.

Versailles
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 The Nazi-Soviet Pact

The Long and Short Term Causes of WW2

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The Treaty of Versailles : June 1919



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Solidify : Justify : Ratify

The Global Depression : 1929



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Smash : Crash : Bash

Hitler becomes Chancellor : 1933



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Naughty : Foreign : Domestic

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Collective : Joint : Team

Rhineland: reoccupied : 1936



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Sanctioned : Forbidden

Anschluss: with Austria : 1938



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Anschluss : Join : Stop

The Nazi-Soviet Pact : 1939



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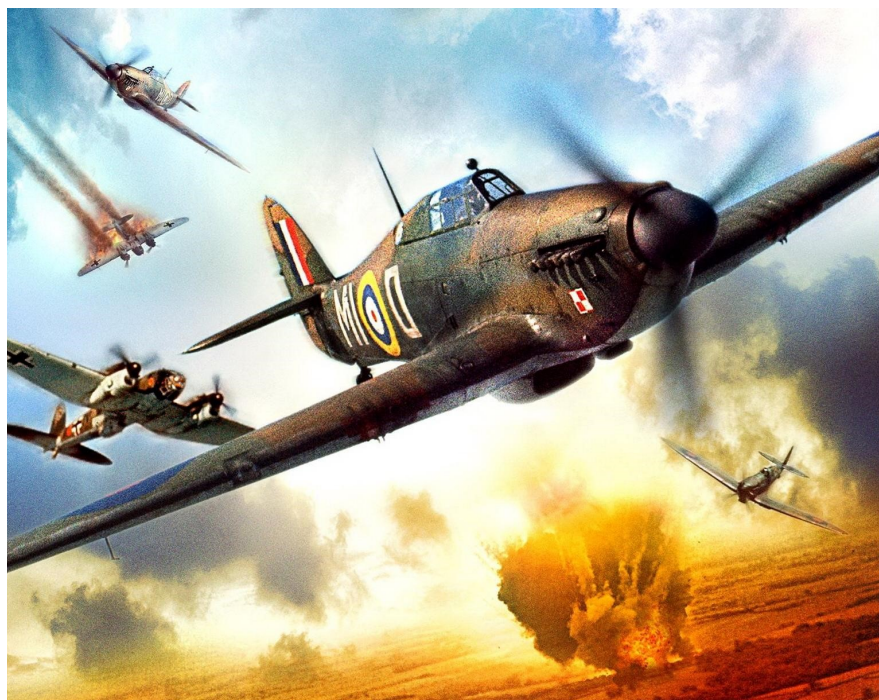
Alliance : Agreement

The Munich Agreement : 1939



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Land : Territorial : Last



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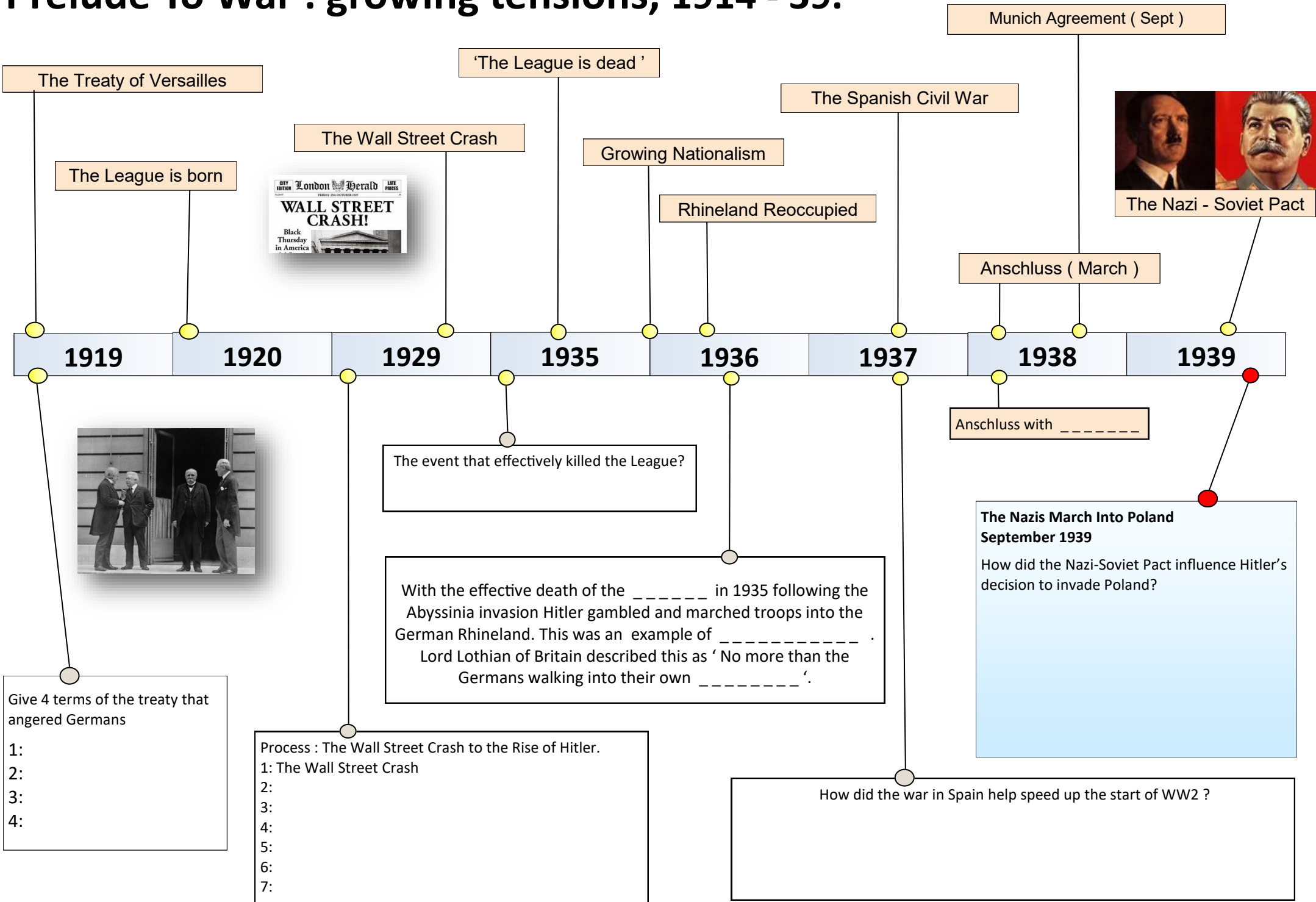
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Prelude To War : growing tensions, 1914 - 39.



Linking The Causes Of The Second World War



Task : make connections or links between the factors that contributed towards the Second World War



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The F _ _ _ _ W _ _ _ _ W _ _ _  _____ because _____



The Global Depression  _____ because _____



The Failure of the League  _____ because _____



A _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _  _____ because _____



Hitler's Foreign Policy  _____ because _____



The Nazi-Soviet Pact  _____ because _____

Linking The Causes of World War 2

 **Summarise:** the reasons for the causes of WW2 **Explore:** the relationship between factors **Skill:** making links.

1: The Treaty of Versailles



Too Severe

Helped Hitler's rise.

Links to: 3 + 5

2: The Global Depression



Links to:

3: Hitler's Foreign Policy



Links to:

4: The Failure of the League



Links to:

5: Appeasement

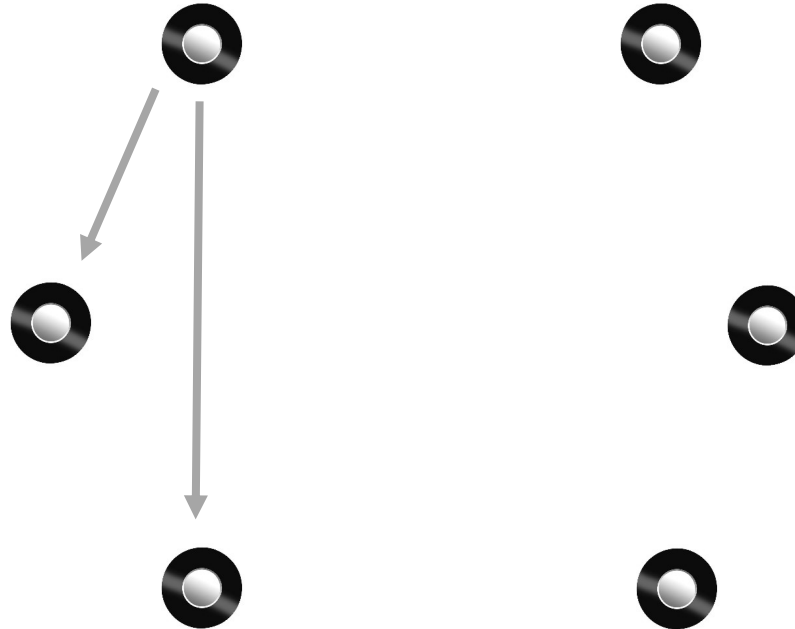


Links to:


6: The Nazi-Soviet Pact



Links to:



Ranking The Causes Of The Second World

 Task : assign 60 'credits of blame' to the causes of the First World War



The Legacy of WW1



Hitler's Foreign Policy



The Global Depression



The
Nazi –Soviet
Pact



Appeasement

The Failure of the League



	Ranked Cause	Credits
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
	Total	60

The Cartoon About The Man and The Big Ball



Discover : how to identify main features of a cartoon **Explore** : how to interpret these features **Skill**: cartoon analysis and evaluation.



Message of the cartoon (write this AFTER completing DEC process)

Describe the main features of the cartoon.

-
-
-
-
-
-

Explain what each of these features means / represents


-
-
-
-
-
-

Context: what historical event is this cartoon about?

Reliable or Not? (Circle a score below)

Unreliable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Reliable

How Similar Are Cartoons A and B?

 Skill : how to interpret and compare cartoons using the COP principle—content, origin, purpose.



The cartoons are similar to ... (some, limited, large extent)


The cartoons' content is / is not similar

The cartoons' origins are / are not similar

The cartoons' purposes are / are not similar



Determining The Usefulness of A Source Using NACHOS

 **Discover:** how to judge the usefulness of a source using 'NACHOS' **Explore:** how useful the source presented below is **Skill:** source analysis and evaluation.

		Useful: explain or tick	Not Useful: explain or tick
N	ature of the source. This means source type. EG: Letter, speech, diary, book, poster, newspaper report.		
A	uthor of the source. This is the who and when. Are they an expert. Is it a primary eyewitness or secondary information?		
C	ontent of the source. This means what it tells us. Does it contain important info, is it factual, opinion or biased?		
H	appening This is about context. What was happening when the source was made. Could this add or detract value?		
O	mitted is about limitations of the source. What is left out and the things it cannot tell us.		
S	pecial reason is about motive or why. Is it propaganda, persuasion or created for another specific purpose?		
Conclude: the source is / is not useful. Answer should always have a 'yes' element!		Useful : <input type="radio"/>	Not Useful : <input type="radio"/>

I asked Hitler about one in the morning while we were waiting for the draftsmen whether he would care to see me for another talk....I had a very friendly and pleasant talk, on Spain, (where he too said he had never had any territorial ambitions) economic relations with S.E. Europe, and disarmament. I did not mention colonies, nor did he. At the end I pulled out the declaration which I had prepared beforehand and asked if he would sign it. As the interpreter translated the words into German Hitler said "Yes I will certainly sign it." When shall we do it? I said "now", and we went at once to the writing table and put our signatures to the two copies which I had brought with me.

**Chamberlain in a letter to his sister Hilda,
Sent on the 2nd of October , 1938.**

A

How useful is source A ?

Intro : *Not useful / somewhat / very useful*

P1 : Content : does the **reliability** influence usefulness?

P2 : Origin Useful ?

P3 : Other reason ?

ACTIVITY # 18 / 101 - FOLLOW ME

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How it works : Complete after ranking activity?

- 1: Select 6 students - assign each, one of the causes of the Second World War . Allow them time to prepare an argument demonstrating why their cause was most important.
- 2 : Present a concise opening argument to the class.
- 3 : Students then join / follow their cause of choice.
- 4: Continue the debate allowing all students to contribute once they follow a cause.
- 5 : Students can switch at any time.
6. Wrap up and rank the outcome.



Suggestions

Teacher to join / help the person with least followers

Skills

Persuasion
Debate
Listening

Adapt to

Any causes activity
Why the League of Nations failed

CAUSE 1



THE LEGACY OF WW1

CAUSE 2



THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

CAUSE 3



GLOBAL DEPRESSION

CAUSE 4



HITLER

CAUSE 5



APPEASEMENT

CAUSE 6



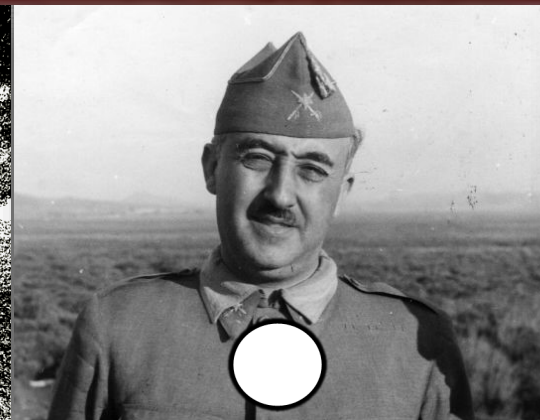
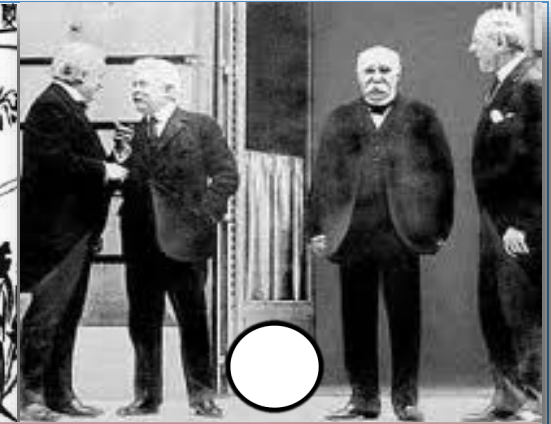
NAZI - SOVIET PACT

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**CAUSES OF THE
SECOND WAR TIMELINE**

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 **Starter** : use the jumbled events list to help identify images and put them into chronological order 1-12



The Causes of the Second World War Timeline.

Extension : complete the questions relating to the causes of the Second World War

Clue

<p>The First World War : 1914 - 18 Reasons why WW1 increased French hatred and fear of Germany</p> <p>1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">G A D A E G M</p>	<p>The Treaty of Versailles Three reasons why Germans were angry with this</p> <p>1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 P</p>	<p>The League Set Up : Major absentee ? _____</p> <p>Method to keep the peace : CS _____</p> <p>Failed to deal with ? _____</p>	<p>The Wall Street Crash : How did this help Hitler ? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>Hitler Chancellor : 3 breaks of the treaty before 1936</p> <p>1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cons</p>	<p>Abyssinia Invasion : Why League failed with this ? _____ _____</p> <p>How League failed ? _____ _____</p>	<p>Rhineland Reoccupation : Why: _____ _____</p> <p>What : _____ _____</p> <p>Result : _____ _____</p>	<p>The Spanish Civil War : Why did Hitler get involved in the Spanish Civil War ?</p> <p>R: _____ A : _____ F : _____ T : _____</p>
<p>The Munich Crisis: Why did Chamberlain follow a policy of Appeasement ?</p> <p>C: _____ A: _____ N: _____ T: _____</p>	<p>Nazis Invade Czech : Why: _____ _____</p> <p>What : _____ _____</p> <p>Result : _____ _____</p>	<p>The Nazi - Soviet Pact : Reasons Hitler signed this ?</p> <p>1: _____ 2 : _____ 3 : _____</p> <p>Consequence of the NSP ?</p> <p>1: _____ 2 : _____</p>	<p>The Nazis Invade Poland :</p> 

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