



# **World War II Begins Activity**

# Dictators



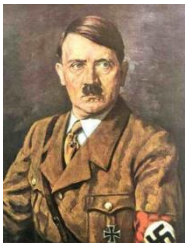
**Joseph  
Stalin—USSR  
(Communist)**

- 1937 = 2<sup>nd</sup> largest industrial power
- **Totalitarian** = gov. does not allow any opposition; citizens have no civil rights



**Benito  
Mussolini—  
Italy**

- **Created Fascism** = government ruled by a dictator who controls the people and people are not allowed to disagree with the government; severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition
- Nation more important than the individual



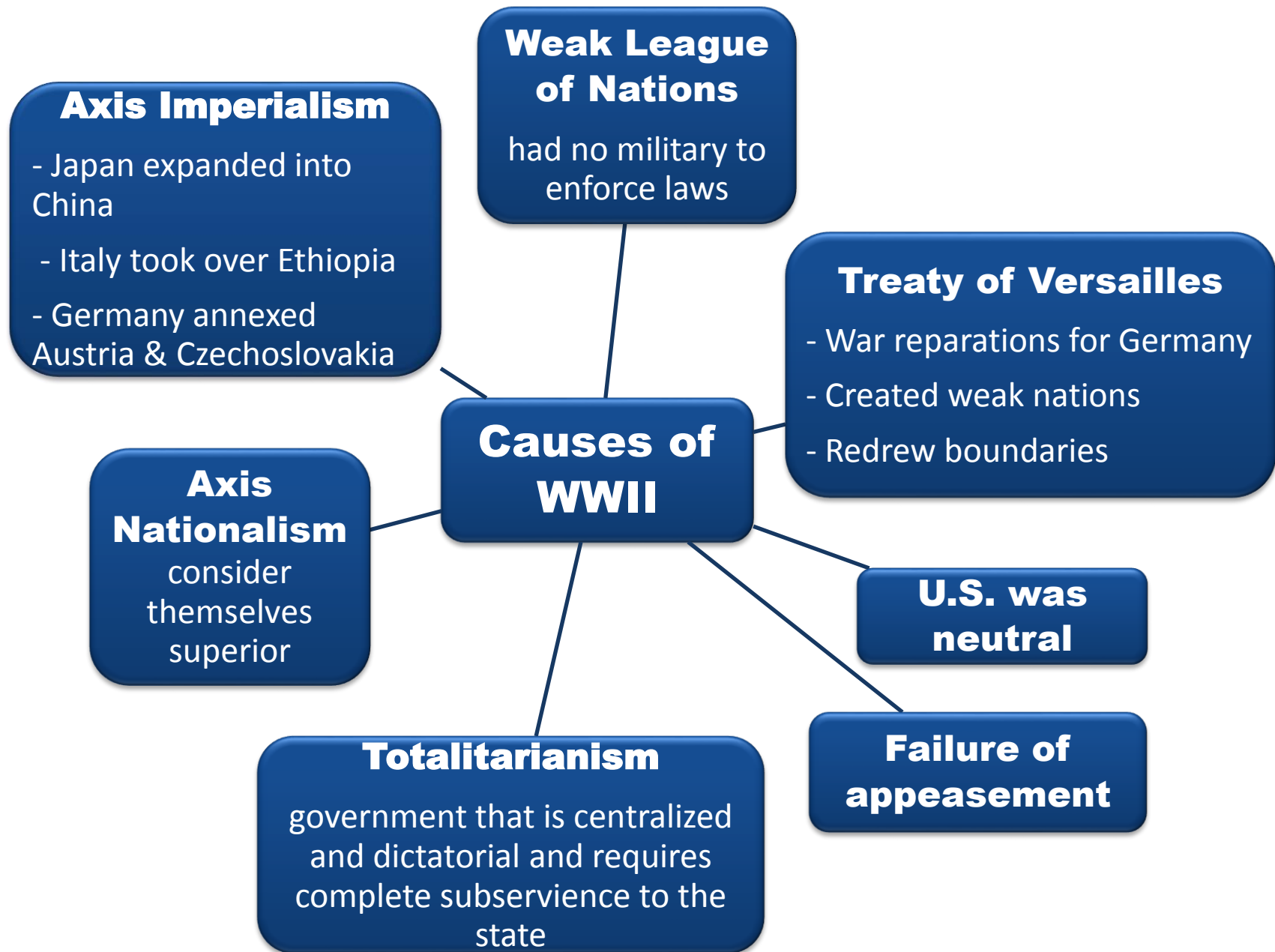
**Adolf  
Hitler—Nazi  
Germany**

- Anti-communist
- Fascist government
- 1933 appointed Leader—“Fuhrer”—totalitarian established the **Third Reich**



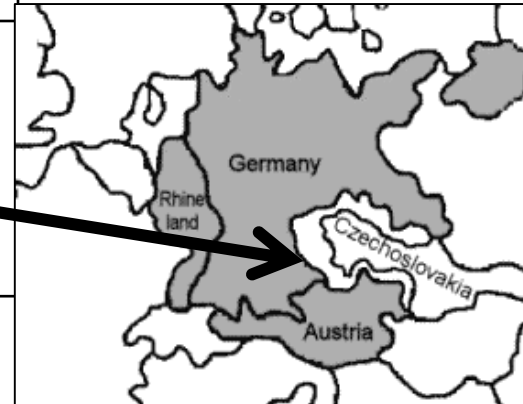
**Emperor  
Hirohito—  
Japan**

- Military leaders trying to take control of gov.



# Steps to WWII

1931	Japan invaded Manchuria
1935	Hitler rearmed Germany
1935	Mussolini invaded Ethiopia
1937	Japan invaded China (WWII began in Asia)
1938	<b>Munich Conference</b> — G.B. & France appease Hitler Hitler annexed Sudetenland (German speaking portion of Czechoslovakia)
1939	Hitler annexed all of Czechoslovakia
1939	<b>Stalin-Hitler Nonaggression Act</b> (still enemies) Pledged they would never attack each other Agreed to split Poland (secretly)



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# WAR BEGINS

## Poland Invaded; Cities Bombed

# Daily Mail

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# WAR

11 a.m., September 3, 1939

Great Britain and France are at war with Germany. We now fight against the blackest tyranny that has ever held men in bondage. We fight to defend, and to restore, freedom and justice on earth.

**Axis Powers = Germany, Italy, Japan**  
**Allied Powers = France & Great Britain**

# Early WWII

- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”—1<sup>st</sup> 6 months b/c no fighting
- **Blitzkrieg- “lightning war”**
- **1940—Prime Minister Chamberlain of G.B. stepped down**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ new prime minister
- **French waited along the \_\_\_\_\_ for Germans**
  - **Germany invaded France by \_\_\_\_\_ the Maginot Line**
- **France fell in June 1940**

# The Battle of Britain

- **Aug. 24 - Nov. 3, 1940**
- **Hitler used the \_\_\_\_\_ (German air force) to attack**
- **Sent 1,000 planes a day**
- **\_\_\_\_\_ consecutive nights German bombers launched air raids (blitz) on \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Luftwaffe \_\_\_\_\_ gained air supremacy**

