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Notes: Hitler NWO

**Hitler’s New Order: Lebensraum**

Hitler spoke of "conquest of Lebensraum in the East and its ruthless Germanization" as his ultimate foreign policy objectives.

Lebensraum means living space or room. Hitler believed it was the right of the German people to expand into the areas around them as they were superior to the populations that currently resided there

He had a deep seated desire to expand into Central and Eastern Europe.

His idea was for a “Third Reich” that would last a thousand years

**Lebensraum continued**

The German people found that very appealing, as was the concept that they belonged to a superior race of people and so deserved a special place in history

The New Order for Europe proposed the nationalization of agriculture and industry on a continental basis.

Everything would be concentrated into German hands. Nazi TV

As needed , workers would be moved to wherever there were labour shortages.

A central planning board would direct production and establish efficient economise and redirect human resources wasted by unemployment.

This would all be done for the benefit of the German people

Rise of Hilter in German

Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s New Order: Anschluss**

The expansion of this German homeland would require the removal of all non-German people. Racial purity was a pillar of the New Order.

German minorities in the border states would be recovered and annexed to the Reich

This part of Hitler’s plan for expansion advocated Anschluss with Austria, however it also included Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia and the Polish corridor (including Danzig) Rising Terror

The plan also called for Germans living elsewhere to return to act as “managers” of the local people.

People would be classified by race and moved or “removed”

Heinrich Himmler (head of the SS) hoped to remove over 30 million Slaves from Poland by the end of the 20th century

Other Nordic people (e.g.. British, Scandinavians) would be part of the New Order. Some other non-Nordic people would be permitted to survive to act as slave races.

**Hitler’s New World Order**

The “slave” races would have no political or civil rights and would work for the Reich in return for the right to live

These groups would be controlled through limitations placed on their education.

The Nazi’s came up with another group of people who were composed of what the Nazi’s considered to be “undesirables” this group included (but was not limited to) Jews, Roma the mentally ill and homosexuals.

These groups had no place in the “New Order” of Nazism and were to be exterminated as soon as was practical.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Anti-Semitism**

Hitler linked the “purification” of race with the salvation of Europe specifically and civilized humanity in general

As has been mentioned in previous lectures there was a great deal of propaganda surrounding the German defeat in WWI.

Much of this propaganda had been designed to blame the Jews for Germany’s defeat to the Allies

This helped already strong feelings of Anti-Semitism to grow stronger

Anti-Semitism was a powerful force outside of Germany as well as inside the German nation.

This becomes clear as the collaboration of annexed countries governments make little effort to save the Jews in there populations from the horrors of the holocaust

**The Nuremburg Laws**

After Hitler seized control of the German government in 1933 and the Nuremberg Decrees of 1935 The Nazis took measures to isolate the Jews from the rest of society.

Jews (and others considered “undesirable”) were identified, concentrated into “Ghettos” , degraded, forbidden to hold public jobs; their property was stolen and they were forced to endure physical abuse and were murdered out of hand

In 1936 Adolf Eichmann established the Jewish Bureau to systematize the processing of the Jewish population

First it tried to remove Jews through emigration, however other countries (excepting The British Mandate of Palestine, which received 1500 people a month) would not take them.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Nuremberg Laws: Racial Categories**

The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 were denaturalization laws passed in Nazi Germany. They used a pseudoscientific basis for racial discrimination against Jewish people.

The laws classified people as German if all four of their grandparents were of "German blood"

while people were classified as Jews if they descended from three or four Jewish grandparents (black circles in top row right). A person with one or two Jewish grandparents was a Mischling, a crossbreed, of "mixed blood".

**Nuremburg Laws Continued**

The first law, The Law for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor, prohibited marriages and extramarital intercourse between "Jews" (the name was now officially used in place of "non-Aryans") and "Germans" and also the employment of "German" females under forty-five in Jewish households.

The second law, The Reich Citizenship Law , stripped persons not considered of German blood of their German citizenship and introduced a new distinction between "Reich citizens" and "nationals".

The Nazi leaders made a point of stressing that Jews should be deprived of their rights as citizens.

Some Nazi allies in Europe also emulated the Nuremberg laws, passing similar legislation

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Nuremburg Laws: The isolation of the German Jew**

While the Nuremberg Laws established for the first time very clearly who was defined as a Jew, legal discrimination against Jews had come into being earlier and steadily grew

Jews were banned from working for the state or being employed as lawyers, doctors or journalists

Jews were prohibited from using hospitals and could not be educated past the age of 14.

Public parks, libraries, beaches were closed to Jews. War memorials were to have Jewish names expunged. Even the lottery could not award winnings to Jews

Jews were required to adopt a middle name: "Sara" for women and "Israel" for men. Their identification cards were required to have a large "J" stamped on them

**Kristallnacht: Night of Broken Glass**

On November 9, 1938, a 17-year old German Jew enraged by his family's expulsion from Germany, Killed a German diplomat Ernst von Rath.

In response coordinated destruction broke out in cities, towns and villages throughout the Third Reich.

The consequences of this violence were disastrous for the Jews of the Third Reich. In a single night, Kristallnacht saw the destruction of more than 200 Synagogues, and the ransacking of tens of thousands of Jewish businesses and homes.

In addition to property damage Jewish citizens were attacked on the street at least 70 people were murdered and there were rapes and public beatings Kristallnacht

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The German reaction to Kristallnacht**

In response to the events of Kristallnacht the Jews were fined 25 million marks to repair the property damaged during the night and an additional 1 billion marks

This succeeded in removing a significant amount of the wealth that the German Jews had managed to hold on to through the rising prejudice against them

Other countries were aware of these policies, however did not wish to interfere as that was considered inappropriate involvement in the operation of another nation

The Jews of Germany began to flee if they could by every means available, however this was hampered by the German annexation of Czechoslovakia , Austria and Poland which meant that many of the Jews that escaped the Germans following the Nuremberg laws and Kristallnacht soon found themselves again under Nazi control

**World Reaction to the Rise of Hitler: Appeasement**

Britain was a powerful military force in the 1930`s particularly at sea.

They had an extensive colonial empire, and no interest in becoming involved in any more conflict on the European continent.

The British government urged France to stop making alliances with the successor states from WWI.

The British were far more focused on economic competition from the USA and Japan than they were in rising tension in continental Europe.

The Great Depression had left millions of Great Britons economically distressed and by 1934 due to cut backs Briton`s armed forces had been reduced to the point where none of them were strong enough to guarantee a military victory

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Appeasement in Britain**

1934 saw the advent of the Luftwaffe made Britain vulnerable from the air.

In 1935, Britain signed a naval agreement with Germany in which Germany agreed to limit its fleet to 35% of the size of Britain's navy.

This agreement was in complete violation of the restrictions placed on Germany`s navy in the terms of the treaty of Versailles and ended any hope France had of seeking British aid to halt the Germans disregard of the terms of the treaty.

The British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain believed that Hitler would be satisfied once his ``legitimate`` concerns were met

The British (as well as the Americans) were more concerned with Japanese aggression in Asia

**France**

By 1934 France had retreated behind the Maginot Line (a series of permanent fortifications on the border of France)

The French economy had collapsed in 1933 and taken the military budget with it.

By the time the French began to re-devote significant portions of the GNP to the military in 1938 it was impossible to catch up with the extensive r e-militarization programs Germany had been involved with since the 1920`s

After Locarno the French retreated behind what they thought was the impenetrable Maginot Line

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Questions/Main ideas:

**German Alliances**

Seeing an opportunity Hitler moved to further consolidate his power in central Europe

In January of 1934 he signed a non-aggression pact with Poland

Germany guaranteed markets for Polish raw materials and food in return for technology, manufactured goods and weapons

By 1939 Hitler had signed trade agreements with all of the successor states and they in return had adopted pro-German policies partially as a result of Hitler's economic strategies

France and the Soviet Union had a brief alliance however as neither of them could attack Germany without violating the boarders of another nation state this lacked viability

**German Alliances: The Anti-Comintern Pact**

In October of 1936 Hitler and Mussolini agreed to the Rome-Berlin axis

In November Hitler made a mutual non-aggression pact with Japan

The Anti-Comintern Pact was concluded between Nazi Germany and the Empire of Japan (Italy joined in 1937) and was directed against the Communist International (Comintern) in general, and the Soviet Union in particular. It did not entail any military commitment

Japan wanted assurances of support against the USSR in case of conflict and Germany wanted Japan to keep Britain and the USA distracted from Europe and occupied in Asia

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Expansion of the Reich: The Annexation of Austria**

The unification of Germany and Austria had been specifically prohibited in the Treaty of Versailles

However there had been a movement in this direction known as (Anschluss) even before Hitler took power

In 1934 in a failed attempt to promote Austrian nationalism the Austrian Chancellors Dollfuss and Von Schuschnigg started a nationalist movement. As a part of this attempt Dollfuss banned opposition parties (including the Austrian Nazi party) five months later He was murdered by Nazis.

Hitler almost moved into Austria then but his movement was blocked by Italy`s competing interests in the region

**Austria Continued**

Later when the Rome-Berlin axis was formed Austria would be ripe for Anschluss

Increasing pressure was placed on von Schuschnigg to agree to Anschluss

Finally he called for a national referendum on unification for the 13th March 1938.

Hitler, unwilling to risk embarrassment, invaded the day before



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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Expansion of the Reich: The Annexation of Czechoslovakia**

Hitler`s pretext for the invasion of Czechoslovakia was the alleged discrimination suffered by ethnic German populations living in Czechoslovakia's northern and western border regions, known collectively as the Sudetenland. Their incorporation into Nazi Germany would leave the rest of Czechoslovakia powerless to resist subsequent occupation

Konrad Henlein ( leader of the Nazi party in Czechoslovakia) met with Hitler in Berlin on, where he was instructed to raise demands unacceptable to the Czechoslovak government led by president Edvard Beneš. This would give Hitler the excuse he needed to invade.

the governments of both France (which had a treaty to defend Czechoslovakia) and the United Kingdom were set on avoiding war. The French government especially did not wish to face Germany alone, so took its lead from the British government and its Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Chamberlain believed that Sudeten German grievances were just and that Hitler's intentions were limited.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Annexation of Czechoslovakia Continued: The** Munich Agreement

During Sept of 1938 Chamberlain flew to meet with Hitler at Berchtesgaden, Godesberg and finally Munich n efforts to work out the problem with Czechoslovakia

At each stop he thought he had solved the problem only to find that Hitler`s demands had expanded

In outrage the Czechs had proclaimed martial law

France was on military alert and Britain began to mobilize her navy

However, the major European powers did not want war. They called upon Mussolini to chair an emergency meeting at Munich (the Czechs were not invited) In the Munich Agreement the Germans were allowed to occupy the Sudetenland and other regions where the population was 50% or higher ethnically German.

The Czechs gave up their western defences and withdrew their armies and the Germans took control of the region

**The Expansion of the Reich: The Invasion of Poland**

Hitler attempted to use the same propaganda techniques that had worked for him in Austria and Czechoslovakia about the suffering of the German minorities within Poland and Germany`s sphere of influence in the Polish corridor and Danzig

After the aggression in Czechoslovakia however Poland was not in the mood to make concessions and the other European powers were beginning to see the possible dangers of the policy of appeasement they had been following until now.

Britain began to implement conscription and readied its navy and France and Britain both offered mutual defence treaties to all the nations of Central Europe in the hopes to deter Hitler from taking further action

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Nazi Germany, The USSR and the fall of Poland**

Hitler approached Joseph Stalin (leader of the USSR following Lenin’s death) for an alliance

This would mean Stalin had to forgive Hitler’s purge of the German Communist party

Stalin was compelled by the opportunity to regain territory lost in WWI

Stalin had intelligence to suggest that Hitler did not intend to expand from Poland into the USSR , but that his intentions were to the west

Threatened by Japan to the East and not wanting the possibility of a two front war Stalin agreed to a non-aggression pact with Hitler on August 23rd 1939.

Instead of coming to Poland’s aid the USSR would split it with the Nazis

**Nazi Germany, The USSR and the fall of Poland**

On 31st of August 1939 bodies in Polish uniforms were tossed around the base of a radio tower at Gleiwitz .

Hitler claimed that Polish forces had attacked across the boarder and invaded the next day

On 3rd of Sept. Britain and France declared war on Germany, however neither country sent military aid to Poland

On 25th of Sept. Warsaw was bombed and on 5th of October Hitler went for a visit

Stalin struck on 17th of September by the end of 1939 the USSR had retaken most of the western territory lost in the Great War (they were kicked out of the League when they invaded Finland, but did not seem to find it too great a price to pay.)

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Policies**

Hitler was an opportunist who believed the natural unfolding of events would bring him eventual success

Hitler had planned on a brief war to gain his territorial and objectives to achieve New Order.

The Nazis sought the expansion of Germany to the east and into central Europe by using diplomatic maneuvering wherever possible and armed force where necessary

Hitler did not believe that other powers would interfere because none of them would be prepared to go to war over such “little” matters.

From 1934-1939 the Nazis created a whirlwind of activity; Hitler created a labour front that guaranteed jobs through deficit financing

Public works, modern transportation, communication, electrification, and rearmament all contributed to economic revival

**Hitler’s Policies**

A four year plan put the concentration of industrial strength in the hands of a few large corporations.

The German economy was placed on a wartime footing in peacetime; full employment resulted and this was a strong base for Nazi popularity.

Construction of a network of highways and the availability of consumer goods made the regime immensely popular

In 1936 when Germany could no longer pay for the import of industrial material, it turned to neighboring central European countries and guaranteed them German markets in exchange for weapons and technology

Territorial expansion to seize iron ore and oil became a recurring event.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Policies**

Hitler moved to recover the lands lost by Germany in the Versailles and Locarno agreements.

Hitler also moved to re-establish military power; In March, 1935, Hitler proclaimed universal military training

In 1936, Germany reoccupied the Rhineland and publicly displayed military forces

By 1939, Germany had a field army of over 2.75 million soldiers, an air force of over 4,000 planes, and a growing navy of ships and submarines.

The rebuilding of the military paused only when industry ran out of raw materials.

Germany was producing more war materials than all other powers combined; the revival of the German military power in just 4 years made Hitler a national idol.

The overturning of the Versailles settlement rekindled national pride

**Reich Security Services**

In 1919, President Ebert used war veterans to create order and security in the Weimar Republic

A commission of public security was set up in Berlin to control the activities of social democrats, Jews and Communists. This would set a dangerous precedent

The political police of the former Prussia the “Geheime Staatspolizei” would grow to become an agency for repression in the Third Reich known as the Gestapo.

In the mean time Hitler and the National Socialist German Workers Party (which would become the Nazis) used Ernst Röhm (who had a huge secret arms cache) to create a citizen army

When Hitler became the leader of the NSDAP Röhm’s men were used to protect him

They were officially known as the “gym and sporting section,” but would become the SA or Storm Detachment

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Henchmen : The SA**

The Sturmabteilung abbreviated SA, German for "Assault detachment" or "Assault section", usually translated as "storm trooper”, functioned as a paramilitary organization of the Nazi party. It played a key role in Hitler's rise to power in the 1930s.

SA men were often called "brown shirts", for the colour of their uniforms, and to distinguish them from the Schutzstaffel (SS), who wore black and brown uniforms (compare the Italian black shirts).

The SA often ignored Hitler’s directives and this made Hitler very uneasy

Initially Hitler dealt with this by making Hermann Göring in charge of a new ``administrative headquarters staff`` and guard called the SS or Schutzstaffel. The SS was destined to become an infamously integral part of Hitler’s ``Ultimate Solution``

**Hitler’s Henchmen : The SS**

The SS was in charge of policing the party itself.

In 1930 Hitler made the SS independent of the SA and placed it under the charge of Heinrich Himmler. Himmler expanded the SS force from 280 members to 50 000

In 1933 the SS began the first of the concentration camps that would come to characterize the horror of Hitler’s regime “Dachau” established in `33 was initially set up to isolate and re-educate communists and social democrats from the German people

The same year Himmler was put in charge of all police forces in Germany when he was made deputy chief of the Gestapo (now the German state police)

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The SA, the early years**

During the 1920s and 1930s, the SA was a private militia that Hitler used to intimidate rivals and attack competing political parties

The SA were especially well known for attacking members of the Social Democrats and the Communists.

The SA were often known as the "brown shirts" or "storm troopers“ and became notorious for their street battles with the Communists

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The SS and SA**

After Hitler took power in 1933, the SA became increasingly eager for power and saw themselves as the replacement for the German army, the Wehrmacht.

Hitler saw the Wehrmacht as a means of gaining support from the conservatives among the German population

If Hitler could command control of the Army, when Hindenburg died he would have the opportunity to seize absolute power

There was increasing tension with other leaders within the party who saw Röhm's (Leader of the SA) as a threat to their own personal ambitions.

Originally an adjunct to the SA, the Schutzstaffel (SS) was placed under the direct control of Heinrich Himmler in part to restrict the power of the brown shirts and Ernst Röhm. However Hitler became increasingly threatened by the power of the SA

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The fall of the SA**

On 28th of June 1934 Hitler called Röhm to complain about some SA troops insulting an ambassador. He demanded a meeting of all SA leaders on the 30th at Röhm‘s resort

This becomes known as the Night of the Long Knives or "Operation Hummingbird

Röhm and all of the other SA leaders were murdered

Hitler claimed they were guilty of treason to the Reich

The purge was not limited to the SA the Nazi regime carried out a series of politically motivated executions

**Hitler’s Henchmen: Night of the Long Knifes**

Adolf Hitler moved against the SA and its leader, Ernst Röhm, because he saw the independence of the SA as a direct threat to his power.

They had frequently disobeyed him and were a threat to his popularity with the army. However, Hitler expanded the usefulness of the purge by going after other political targets

Hitler used the purge to go against critics of his regime, especially those loyal to Vice-Chancellor Franz von Papen, and to settle scores with old enemies, including von Schleicher.

When the executions stopped on July 2nd 83 of Hitler’s most powerful or significant opponents were dead along with hundreds of others

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The SD**

Within the SS a sub-group was formed called the SD

The SD under the control of Reinhard Heydrich was formed as an intelligence unit to find “enemies of the state” before they could actually take any action against the state

The SD`s job was to clean the nation of non-conformists

The SD would become the power behind the Political Police Services when the SA, SS, SD and Gestapo merged into the Reichssicherheitshauptampt (RSHA) in 1939

One of the first things the newly expanded SD did was to take 2000 professionals and criminals into “Protective Custody”

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The SD the first concentration camps**

The professionals and criminals initially taken by the SD were put into the Sachsenhausen, Sachsenburg, Lichtenburg and Dachau concentration camps

The camps would soon receive entire segments of the population that had been labelled as antisocial

The steady flow of such undesirables was insured by a seasonal quota system

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The SS, SD and the invasion of Poland**

On 22 of August 1939 Hitler called for a war conference. It was at this conference that he gave Himmler the responsibility for finding a defendable reason to attack Poland

Himmler arranged for SS officers disguised in Polish uniforms to stage border incidents in Upper Silesia and at other points along the frontier.

It was Hitler’s hope that this would convince the world that Hitler had been provoked into war

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The Einsatzgruppen**

The SS followed closely behind and sometimes beside the army as it invaded Poland.

The were there to manage the newly acquired populations under German control.

The Jews and Gypsies were to be eliminated as were the upper classes. The remainder would be kept as a labour force

A group of SS was set up to serve with each of the five armies going into Poland. Each SS group was given a list of people and groups that they were responsible for eliminating

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The beginnings of the Holocaust**

Although the Nazi`s had been murdering and persecuting the Jews of Europe since they gained control of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland it was with the invasion of the Soviet Union that the Holocaust began in earnest

On June 23rd 1941 Heydrich`s 3000 officers started to hunt down the five million plus Jews that lived in the Soviet Union

They would take a town, demand that the Jews register for resettlement, strip them of their valuables and then kill them.

The first group of SS was followed by a more thorough group and by December over 500 000 Jews had been murdered.

This was deemed inefficient and later mobile execution squads were replaced by stationary death factories in Poland The poision dwarf

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The SS and The Final Solution**

In 1942 the SS was instructed to eliminate the Jews of Europe

The systematic killing in death camps began in Belzec in March of 1942.

Belzec could murder 15 000 people a day

Sobibor which could murder at a rate of 20 000 per day followed in April, then Treblinka (25 000 per day)

In total 5 death camps and 156 ``Labour camps`` were established by the SS

In Auschwitz alone the SS used Zyclon-B gas to murder more than 2 million men women and children

Death in the Concentration Camps

**Hitler’s Henchmen: The Waffen-SS**

The SS also fought along side regular army divisions in special battle divisions.

The Waffen-SS was known to not take prisoners and suffered exceptionally heavy casualties. It was trained to be a merciless fighting force

The Waffen-SS began when SS Gruppen-Fuhrer Josef Dietrech chose 120 soldiers to form Hitler’s body guard. It was this elite force that carried out the Night of the Long Knives

The Waffen-SS expanded to approximately 22 000 and was later joined by other divisions such as Deutschland, Germania and Der Fuhrer.

These became Germany’s Shock troops

By 1944 the SS had almost 1million members

Known for their fanaticism their battle losses were so high officers often were drafted straight from cadet school

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Modern Companies Involved With The Nazis(NOT ON EXAM!!!!)**

IBM (International Business Machines)

-helped facilitate Nazi genocide; through generation and tabulation of punch cards based census data

-punch cards specific traits: gender, nationality, and occupation

-1933 census and concentrating carried out by Dehomag, owned by Computing-Tabulating Recording Company, renamed to IBM

-census important to Nazi party to identify Jews, gypsies, and other undesirables

-encouraged by Thomas Watson (Chief Executive Officer) of IBM

-Willy Heidinger, controlled the Dehomag, the 90% owned German subsidiary of IBM, enthusiastic supporter of Nazi regime

-Nazi Germany second largest customer

-without IBM's machinery, continuing upkeep and service, as well as the supply of punch cards, whether located on-site or off-site, Hitler's camps could have never managed the numbers they did

-IBM indicates it doesn’t have much info on this era, most documents destroyed or lost

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Chase Bank**

-from the late 1930s until june 14, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt froze German assets

-order blocked any access to French accounts in the U.S. by anyone by Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr.

-Chase Bank worked with the Nazi government

-within hours, Chase unblocked accounts and the funds were transferred to South America to Nazi Germany.

-U.S. Treasury investigated French subsidiaries of American banks

-only Chase and Morgan remained open during Nazi occupation

-Chase branch chief in Paris, Carlos Niedermann(close with high up German officials) enforced restrictions against Jewish properties, and refused funds belonging to Jews

-1998, Chase general counsel said Chase had no control on Niedermann

-(2012)he U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control for JP Morgan Chase had illegally aided dictatorships in Cuba, Sudan, Liberia, Iran, and transferred 32,000 ounces of gold bullion for Iranian bank.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Ford & General Motors**

-both owned German subsidiaries that controlled 70% of the car market, retooled themselves during war times to make war materials

-Managers of Ford and General Motors resisted calls from Roosevelt to set up military production

-German troops used Ford & GM trucks, and Opel-built warplanes

-Ford and James Mooney, a senior executive, received the Grand Cross of the German Eagle

-GM produced the “Blitz” truck used for blitzkrieg

-American Ford bartered a deal to give Nazi Germany strategic raw materials, notably rubber

-“Nazi armaments chief Albert Speer said in 1977 that Hitler would never have considered invading Poland" without synthetic fuel technology provided by General Motors”

-German Ford made a personal present to Hitler of 35,000 Reichsmarks in honor of his 50th birthday, according to a captured Nazi document.

-Mooney met with Luftwaffe commander Hermann Goering, for an inspection of a plant

-in 1940, after fall of France, Henry Ford personally vetoed a U.S. government-approved plan to produce under license Rolls-Royce engines for British fighter planes

-workers in German factories were prisoners

- with declaration of war by the U.S., no contact with Germany

-June 1943, the Nazi custodian of Cologne plant, Robert Schmidt, traveled to Portugal to meet with Ford Managers

-after the war, GM and Ford compensated for destruction of plants in Germany due to bombing

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Kodak**

-company revenues and employees in Germany increased due to the manufactured triggers, detonators, and other military goods

-used slave labor in two factories

-French branches made lots of money as well

-Eastman Kodak traded with Nazi Germany

-(1942-43)Swiss branch bought photographic supplies from Germany

-(1942) Spanish branch imported items from Germany

-(1942)Portuguese branch sent profits to the Nazi-occupied branch in Hague

-no penalties for all three

-Kodak dealt with Hitler’s personal economic advisor, Wilhelm Keppler, Keppler was dubbed “a Kodak man”

-Keppler advised a number of US firms on letting their Jewish employees go

**Fanta**

-resulted from the trade embargoes on Germany

-1941, head of Coca-Cola Deutschland created drink with ingredients in Germany

-during war factory cut off from Coca Cola

-drink discontinued after the war, launched in 1955

**Coca Cola**

-before and during war company adopted apparent policy of ignoring the practice of eugenics and anti-Semitism

-several top Coke executive members of NSDAP

-Coke patriotic drink during war

-sent to front lines to refresh soldiers; used to establish new franchises in newly liberated countries

-prior war Coca-Cola hosted various Nazi party sporting events

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Bayer**

-used forcé labour(POWs, slaves)

-made Zyklon B gas, dyes, and pharmaceuticals

-executive Fritz ter Meer sentenced 7 years in prison at Nuremberg; made head of supervisory board after release

-funded Nazis party

-IG Farben was an econcomic corporate emporium, consisting of BASF, BAYER, Hoechst

-IG Farben single largest funder of Nazi party

-100% explosives and synthetic gasoline came from IGF

-after war, US government investigated IGF; “without IG Farben the Second World War would simply not have been possible”

-created the Aushwitz project

-tested new and unknown vaccines on victims of the concentration camps

-Nuremberg trials: 24 IG Farben board memebrs and executives were convicted; by 1951 all released.

-IG Farben split into Bayer, BASF, and Hoechst; now 20 times larger than IG Farben

-for almost 3 decades after WWII the 3 companies filled highest positions with members of NSDAP

**Nestle**

-used forced labour

-just before arrival of allied forces to headquarters in Germany, replaced swastika with Swiss flag

-financed the Nazi party in Switzerland; won contract, supplying chocolate needs of German army

-their chocolate used to coax young Jews into captivity before being sent to concentration camp.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**BMW**

-used up to 50,000 forced labourers; POWs, slaves, inamtes

-workers: produced engines for the Luftwaffe and aid regime in defending

-produced mainly aircraft engines, cars, and motorcycle manufacture

-at time owned by Gunther Quandt, son, Herbert, friends with Hitler

-Quandts benefited from eradication of Jews and livelihoods

-owned companies seized from Jews

-after war were not allowed to produce planes, then produced cars, with symbol resembling propellers

**General Electrics**

-used slaves

-built gas chambers through their shares in the company Siemens

-deliberately and artificially raised the prices of tungsten carbide in the US

-funded Hitler

**Hugo Boss**

-founder, Hugo Boss, part of Nazis Party, and sponsoring member of the SS

-started supplying uniforms in 1928

-1934 became official supplier of uniforms Sturmabteilung, Schutzstaffel, Hitler Youth, National Socialist Motor Corps

-due to demand, used 30-40 prisoners & 150 forced labourers.

-Hugo Boss admirer of Hitler

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Questions/Main ideas:

**VW**

-brainchild of Adolf Hitler

-“people’s car”

-“Kdf Wagen”

-one of the first rear-engined cars

-Ferdinand Porsche built and designed prototype, Volksauto

-factory built in 1938

-to help people save, government-sponsored savings program

-stop being made during war

-Porsche had troubles car violated a lot of patents from Czechoslovakian car company Tatra who built similar car; Porsche agreed to pay a settlement, but Hitler stopped him and told him he would take care of it. 1961, Volkswagen settled out of court with Tatra

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