Notes: War in Europe

**The Third Reich**

WWII began with the German invasion of Poland, September 1st, 1939.Germany Invades Poland-France and Britain Declares War. German forces used the Blitzkrieg tactic in the first phase of Hitler’s drive into Eastern Europe.The Luftwaffe commanded the air and German armored columns burst through what defenses were there and bombed Warsaw on September 25th.Within days, Poland became a Reich protectorate.On September 17th, the Soviet Union invaded Poland from the east to claim its share ( this was the purpose behind the Nazi –Soviet non-aggression pact signed between Hitler and Stalin).By the end of September, control of Poland had been split between Germany and the USSR. It had disappeared from the map of Europe, once again consumed by it’s European neighbours.The USSR continued to expand their sphere of influence, reclaiming, the Baltic republics and Finland. The Soviet Union was intent on expanding and reclaiming the territories she had lost in WWI.



Questions/Main ideas:

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Greater Reich Continued**

The British and French offer of defense to Poland was meant as a warning to Hitler, not an actual of guaranteed assistance. However on September 3rd, both Britain and France declared war on Germany.Hitler was mistaken in his thoughts that all this was a show of political power and after several months, a peace agreement could not be reached.After the betrayal of Czechoslovakia, (where Hitler had gone back on his word to stop with the capture of the Sudetenland) France and Britain would not be tricked into believing that Hitler would be satisfied with the capture of Poland , and were determined to go to war.By January 1940, Britain and France were formally at war with Germany although no battles had been fought.Chamberlin’s declaration of war. This period is often known as the “Phony War” and “Sitzkrieg” because although the Allies were officially at war with Germany no on took decisive military action against Hitler’s European forces. SIEGE - Warsaw 1939In April 1940, German forces overran Denmark and invaded Norway.Attempts by the Allies to counter the invasion were futile and most soldiers were withdrawn in May.

The Battle did however seriously reduce the effectiveness of the German Navy as many ships were destroyed.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Battle For France And Britain**

The major European powers began to engage in a serious way with the Germans after the invasion of France on May 10th, 1940

The French and British had scrambled to ready their forcesThe British transferred their army and some air force units onto the continent and the French continued to increase their forces on the Maginot Line.The French had planned to rush into Belgium and meet the Germans along the Meuse river and the Albert Canal. The plan was to no avail as German forces smashed through Holland and Belgium in a matter of days.Rotterdam became the second major European continental city to be bombed by the Germans after Warsaw. 1000 civilians were estimated to have died in the bombing of Rotterdam. This terror bombing of civilian populations (field tested in Guernica during the Spanish Civil War ) would become a trade mark of the Nazi war machine and ended up making them more hated than feared by civilian populations. It also resulted in retaliatory bombings of Axis civilian populations.

**France And The Failure Of The Maginot Line**

On May 10th 1940 The Germans invade France

The major advance of German troops came against France through the “impermeable” Maginot line.

German “panzer” tanks moved with relative ease through the Ardennes forest at Sedan.

The French thinking the terrain too difficult for tanks failed to secure the passage through the Ardennes.

Within 3 days the Germans have driven 500km into France and successfully split the Allied forces.

In the north the Anglo-French armies fall back to Dunkirk.The Germans fail to take advantage of their opportunity to wipe out the Allied armies while they are vulnerable

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Evacuation Of Dunkirk**

When the Germans broke through French lines, they drove 500km into splitting the Allied forces.

In the north, Allied soldiers fell back on the coastal port of Dunkirk, France. The Germans paused for a period before resuming their attack on the bridgehead. During this pause between May 27th and June 4th, 337226 British and French soldiers escaped to Britain by sea. Much of this rescue was carried out by courageous civilians, risking their own lives to evacuate allied soldiers. They left from England and sailed across the channel adding the necessary craft to evacuate the soldiers from the beach and saving them from death or capture at the hands of the Nazis Dunkirk evacuation footage. The Germans had not considered the possibility of evacuating troops by sea, and had let a significant number of their enemy escape. 190,000 troops were evacuated from southern French ports later that month.

**The Fall Of France and the Vichy Government**

German forces entered Paris on June 14th, and the French government fled to Bordeaux.

On June 22nd, an armistice was signed.

With the surrender, the Germans were to occupy the north of France and the Atlantic coastal regions. About a third of France was left unoccupied.

Marshal Petain was selected to head the new government at Vichy where he ruled unoccupied France by decree. In order for France to gain the best deal it could within Germany’s new order, all civil liberties were abolished. If the French cooperated, there was a chance Germans would repatriate the 2 million French Prisoners of war held in German camps. The Vichy governmentobeyed German orders to take French hostages, confine 80,000 anti-fascists and most of French Jewry to concentration camps, andsend French Jews and 640,000 skilled laborers to the Reich

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The French Resistance**

Many French citizens who refused to surrender to the Nazis flee to England

Some join the “Free French” based in England under the leadership of General Charles de Gaulle

Others join the Resistance movement inside of France. Early forms of resistance include intelligence-gathering and the establishment of escape routes.

This evolves into more active resistance including; Work slow-downs and stoppages, the production of inferior goods and mislabelling and misdirection of goods as well as sabotage and assassinations

These resistance movements are not by any means limited to the French all of the occupied countries have some type of resistance movement, often facing deadly reprisals from the Nazi occupying forces.

**Britain**

With the fall of France, Britain and Germany were left as the only two adversaries in Europe.

Britain posed a considerable threat to Germany as the global resources of the British Empire and Commonwealth were vast and formidable.

Since the German military’s strength lay mostly on land, the Island nation of Britain posed a threat as it could be used as a base for North American intervention. Also, Germany felt that if negotiations failed to get Britain out of the war, the island would have to be invaded and London captured.

Difficult challenges would be presented to the German military in invading Britain.The German navy did not have the necessary equipment to transport the 190 000 soldiers across the English Channel to take the Island.Only the Luftwaffe felt they were prepared to take the Island and the Battle of Britain would be fought largely in the air above Europe and Britain.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Operation Sea Lion**

The planned German invasion of Britain was code named Operation Sea Lion. The first priority was gaining control of the air over the English Channel. Once command of the air was achieved, German ships and submarines were to block the ends of the English Channel to English fleets. This block would allow barges to carry 190,000 German soldiers onto southern British beaches.The target was London, the loss of which the Germans figured would result in the English surrender. The German leaders did not consider that with the capture of London, Britain would not surrender nor did they consider that the capital would be defended by its citizens. The German army and navy were not happy about the operation and both knew they had little chance of success. Only the Luftwaffe was eager and felt it was their turn to assume a leadership position and play a major role.

**Battle Of Britain**

The Battle of Britain began in the air on June 10th with attacks on coastal ports and shipping.

The strategy was to bring the Royal Air Force to battle over the channel. When this didn’t work, the Luftwaffe attacks moved inland to eliminate British fighter bases protecting the coast. Over the following weeks, the British eight-gun Hurricane and Spitfire fighters proved too much for the German Messerchmidts and Stukas. Operating at maximum range, German bombers were often left without fighter escort over targets and were vulnerable to British fighters. Britain had the advantage of a chain of coastal radar stations that gave reasonable warning of enemy raids. The battle was close with both sides losing approximately the same number of aircraft. The Battle of Britain killed 51,509 British civilians and wounded 80,000.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**London Blitz**

When the British responded to a misdirected bombing raid on London with a bombing raid on Berlin, it enraged Hitler, this led to the shift in focus of Germany’s Luftwaffe from targets of military significance to the terror bombings of London, intended to break the moral of the British people.

Hitler gave the order to shift air raids from British fighter bases in order to focus on cities and urban centers. The plan was meant to cause panic among the British civilians who would then demand an end to the fighting. The raids instead hardened British resolve to fight to the end. The Luftwaffe was not going to gain command of the skies but aerial fighting continued and for the rest of 1940, the Luftwaffe continued its blitz on British cities.The Luftwaffe were finally withdrawn for an assault on the USSR the following year.

Although the RAF was outnumbered by the German Luftwaffe the spitfire and the Hurricane proved to be superior to the German Messerchmidts and Stukas.

**Operation Barbarossa 1941**

In 1941, the German invasion of the Soviet Union code named Operation Barbarossa helped bring the war to a truly global scale. On June 22nd, 1941 German armies stormed into the USSR crushing the Soviet army and air forces in their path (and violating the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact signed before the invasion of Poland in 1939). Stalin was so shocked by this betrayal, that he refused to believe the initial reports of a German invasion. He had been warned by the Rote Kapelle (the Red Chapel, Stalin’s western spy ring) of the exact date of the attack. Leopold Trepper, Victor Sokolov , Rudolf Rossler ( also known as “Lucy”,) and Richard Sorge; all Soviet spies, all warned Stalin an attack was eminent. Hitler Invades Russia

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Operation Barbarossa Continued**

Stalin even went so far as to punish those responsible for reporting the Germans planned betrayal. Stalin thought it was a distraction of a secret plan of Hitler’s to invade Britain.

Stalin halted reconnaissance along the front in order to avoid an incident that might lead to war.

Stalin forbids the commanders to fire weapons in either attack or defense with out orders from his general staff.

The USSR’s 7000 tanks are spread out to support infantry regiments and as the German armies advance the Soviet soldiers wait for orders to give them direction.

In the first 24 hours, German tanks made their way behind Soviet lines and took all designated targets.

The Germans in the north under General Von Manstein’s are able to capture the rail and road bridges at Dvinsk

Germans dressed as Soviet soldiers trick the guards at the bridges and are able to capture the bridges and open the road to Leningrad.

Soviet soldiers surrounded by Germans link arms and sing together as they march to their deaths.

Millions of people took part in the initial stages and within weeks the Germans had destroyed 5000 aircraft, 15 000 tanks, and entire Soviet armies.

More than 3 million Soviets were killed or taken prisoner, but the Soviet Union still had 4.7 million under arms.

The Germans had failed in their objective of capturing Moscow

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Questions/Main ideas:

**North Africa, The Balkans, And The Middle East**

During the second winter and spring of the war, fighting shifted to the Mediterranean.

Mussolini’s efforts resulted in military disaster.

The Italian army in North Africa attacked British forces in Egypt and were defeated. As were its armies in Ethiopia and Greece.

Late in the spring of 1941, Hitler sent German forces to assist Italy.

General Rommel took command of the North African army, which was renamed the Afrika Corps, and turned the tied of the battle.

**Operation Punishment And Tito In Yugoslavia**

German forces crushed Yugoslavia and Greece in Operation Punishment

Josip Broz, known as Tito, was the leader of the resistance against the Nazi’s in Yugoslavia.

He was a federalist who stood for a unified Yugoslavia.

He was opposed by other guerrilla forces under the Serbian nationalist Dragoljub Mikhailovich, who fought for an enlarged Serbia.

At times, the two parties often spent as much time fighting themselves as they did the Germans.

This situation was paralleled in Greece where communists and Royalists vied for control.

The power struggles in both regions would continue after the end of the war

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The USSR**

Meanwhile on the Eastern Front the German’s northern army reached Leningrad, the USSR’s second most important city, and began a siege that would become epic in it’s length and cost of life.

Germany’s central army group fought through the Ukraine, achieving massive victories, sometimes wiping out entire armies. The German army continued their advance until the fall weather set in and progress became slower. Then the Russian winter devastated the German army; there were over 100,000 cases of frostbite, and soldiers stuffed paper into their uniforms to protect them from the cold. Guns and machines ceased to work in the extreme conditions. The Germans had become over confident of a quick victory. Germans failed to capture Moscow as they ran out of troops and supplies. 2 million citizens were evacuated. Germany did not have the resources to fight a prolonged war but even with great losses, the USSR would not surrender. Confident that Japan was not going to attack Siberia, Stalin was able to move planes and troops from the pacific to help defend Moscow. The Battle of Russia

Battle of Kursk

Battle of Leningrad

**Pearl Harbour**

On December 7th, 1941, the Japanese attacked the American fleet at anchor in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Like the Germans, the Japanese had counted on a short war and hoped victory would come by negotiations. The attack ignited war fever in the United States and led to their immediate declaration of war against Japan. Hitler responded by declaring war against the USA. Believing the Germans to be the greater threat the Americans decided to begin their primary war effort in the European theatre, and wait to attack Japan (more on this in Chapter 8)

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Questions/Main ideas:

**The Battle Of The Atlantic: 1941-1943**

Britain’s ability to stay in the war depended on getting food, fuel and raw materials from North America. Germany sought to exploit this and cut off supplies with submarine warfare. German u-boats came close to forcing Britain out of the war in the period between 1941 and 1943.

In 1941 1299 merchant ships were sank by the Germans and in 1942 1664 ships were lost.

It took time to organize an effective convoy system. The range of ocean escorts and air patrols had to be increased to cover every part of the 2 week Atlantic crossing. By the end of 1943, escort groups had an aircraft carrier and the latest anti-submarine technology. Of the 1162 U-boats built, 1069 were sunk or surrendered. The allies lost a total of 2789 Merchant ships, 30,000 merchant sailors, and 30,000 naval officers.

**In The West**

In the west, the Germans were able to control the citizens in conquered areas through their existing local governments.

Control by Germany was evident in only three areas of life: Police, education, and labour.

All police forces were centralized under Berlin.

German officials sat on school boards to ensure proper education.

Germans also sat on the labour boards that provided work permits, identification, and travel papers. This gave allowed for control over society.

Germans established quotas for farms and businesses. It was only if these quotas were met that they were allowed workers and materials.

Germans were able to recruit hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers with the promise of better jobs and higher wages; They were actually housed in concentration camp-like quarters and paid very little if they were paid at all.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**In The East**

In the east, Nazis imposed direct rule by Reich Protectors on what they considered “sub-humans”.

The purpose of the eastern protectorates was to provide materials for the war machine.

Troops moved in to size or requisition food, material, artwork, and anything else they could lay their hands on.

All goods that were not essential for a bare subsistence for local populations were to be transferred to the Reich.

Food quotas were set but bottlenecks in transportation prevented much of the output from reaching Germany.

Germany received less grain from Ukraine in war time than in peace time.

**The Holocaust**

Nazi racial policies were carried forward

Depopulation programs: mass extermination

Grand massacre affected every nation under German hegemony

Objective: genocide for Jews, Roma and Slavs

West: state seized Jewish property and identified individuals for transportation to death camps

Germany declared itself “Jew-free” in 1943, but at the end of the war there were still 33 000 German Jews, some how they had survived against all odds and Hitler’s evil plans.

Central Europe and eastern protectorates: approximately a million Jews were taken from Romani, while Croatian and Serbian Jews were killed on the spot; Hungary’s Jewish community was reduced from 800 000 to 100 000 in a single year

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Holocaust Continued**

Nazi racial policies were carried forward

Depopulation programs: mass extermination

Grand massacre affected every nation under German hegemony. Objective: genocide for Jews, Roma and Slavs. West: state seized Jewish property and identified individuals for transportation to death camps. Germany declared itself “Jew-free” in 1943, but at the end of the war there were still 33 000 German Jews, some how they had survived against all odds and Hitler’s evil plans. Central Europe and eastern protectorates: approximately a million Jews were taken from Romani, while Croatian and Serbian Jews were killed on the spot; Hungary’s Jewish community was reduced from 800 000 to 100 000 in a single year. There were five death camps. Auschwitz, Chelmno, Treblinka, Sobibor, and Belzec were specially designed for mass murder. Auschwitz – model camp, famous for poison gas, Cyclone B, kill as many 12 000 people a day, ashes of the victims were sold by the bushel to cover icy streets and roads. Some Jews could survive, Jews who could be held hostage for hard cash from abroad, or those who had done noteworthy service to the state or other work of a prominent nature, were initially spared. Many sent to Theresienstadt in Czechoslovakia, where a model camp was established to deflect world attention from the others. Visits by Red Cross official and diplomats from neutral nations were common, 1/3 inmates survived to end war. Resistance in camps infrequent. Soviet prisoners rioted and attacked guards in Sobibor, killing 10 of them before being show down; Himmler ordered camp to be razed and evidence destroyed. 1941: Auschwitz 455 prisoners resulted in deaths of 4 guards; but mostly victims too weak to defy. End of war. Soviet forced moved into Poland, Germans poisoned their remaining prisoners, and tried to destroy all evidence Liberation

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Turning The Tide: 1942-1945**

In 1942, the tide began to turn with the battles of:

-Midway

-El Alamein

-Stalingrad

**Stalingrad**

Stalingrad was an important transportation and communication hub.

Its capture would cut off the land route carrying allied supplies to the Soviets.

The battle began in September with the bombing of the city. In fierce house to house fighting, buildings were taken and retaken until they were totally destroyed by tank fire. Territory lost by the Soviets during the day was regained at night by Soviet snipers and commandos. While the Germans made progress, they were never able to silence Soviet artillery. The Soviets built up their forces to the north and south and in December they completed a pincer movement that cut Germany off from the outside. The Germans tried to hold out, relying on air supply from the Luftwaffe, but the Luftwaffe couldn’t deliver, and on February 22nd 1943, The Germans surrendered.

**El Alamein**

The 10 day battle of El Alamein in North Africa was the beginning of the liberation of N. Africa

The British army under General Montgomery was able to steadily push the Afrika Corps under General Rommel back.

That November, allied forces landed on both side of the strait of Gibraltar, and with two armies now on the continent, they were able to drive Rommel’s forces out of Africa.

These landings had repercussions as the rest of France was then occupied by Germany.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Sicily And Italy**

In the summer of 1943, British, American, and Canadian armies landed in Sicily. Operation Underworld

In an emergency meeting, the Grand Fascist Council deposed Mussolini by a vote of 19 to 9.

Mussolini was arrested but was later rescued by the Germans and put in charge of German occupied northern Italy. By the end of the war he was captured by resistance forces and executed in Milan. After the change in Italian leadership, Marshal Badoglio agreed to a cease-fire and on September 8th, Italy left the war and turned its military bases over to the Allies. Italy declared war on its former ally Germany on October 13th. The Germans in Italy rushed south trying to recover whatever they could and set up several defense lines. These lines were given up after a year and a half of fighting

**Western Europe**

President Roosevelt and Churchill agree to bomb strategic targets in what the Germans called Fortress Europe.

The difficulty in hitting specific military targets led to a shift in bombing larger targets like communications and transportation centers, industrial and power-generation plants and cities like Regensburg and Schweinfurt to delay aircraft fighter production.

The first 1000-bomber raid went out against Cologne where bombs were used to start a firestorm in the center of the city.

Heat from the bombs was so intense it melted steel

An updraft was created, causing a storm that lasted for hours.

The goal was to lower enemy Morale but it didn’t lower. Allied Morale was boosted however.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Eastern Europe**

The largest tank battle of the war took place at Kursk between July 5th and 12th, 1943.

A million soldiers and 2700 tanks were involved in fierce fighting.

Soviet air superiority and anti-tank weapons defeated the German Panzer Corps with 500,000 casualties.

After Kursk, the Soviets were able to advance along a broad front of 1200km with 6 million soldiers.

By 1944, the Soviets had weapon superiority over the Germans by a 5 to 1 ratio, and in the air where the ration was 17 to 1

**The Teheran Meetings**

At Teheran, the Polish question bedeviled comrades in arms.

The USSR wanted the re-establishment of its 1939 boundary with Poland.

While agreements were made on Poland’s borders, no agreements were made on the Polish government

France and England had gone to war over Polish independence. They had supported the Polish government and had an obligation to the Poles and to themselves.

The USSR acknowledged the exiled Polish government in London until that government asked the Red Cross to investigate the massacre of 1700 Polish officers in the forests at Katyn.

Stalin refused an investigation and used this as a pretext to break off relations with the government in exile. He then recognized a pro-Soviet group in Lublin as the provisional government.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**D-Day**

On June 6th, 1944, D-day came with the allied invasion of Normandy.

Eight American, British and Canadian divisions landed by sea or parachuted down along a 100km stretch of French coastline.

By the end of the month, 640,000 soldiers were ashore and were racing for Paris by the end of July.

Paris was liberated on August 25th just two days after the Soviets entered Vienna.

By December, allied armies had pushed the Germans back within their own borders, and were preparing the final advance into Germany itself.

**The End Of The War**

The end of the war in Europe came in May, 1945.

Hitler had committed suicide on April 30th. And German forces surrendered took place between May 7th and 9th.

Fall of Berlin

Berlin 1945

The Red Army at the end of the war

German Women Raped by Red Army Soldiers

**Yalta Conference**

The Big Three met at Yalta in February, 1945.

Germany was to be partitioned along the Elbe River, where it was expected the Allied armies would meet. Berlin was to be divided into three zones and put under military occupation.

German industries were to be dismantled and reparations levied. Stalin suggested the sum of $20 billion as a starting point.

The Americans and British were more concerned with reconstruction in their zones of resources.

The Soviets, however, wanted to seize German resources to help rebuild the war-ravaged USSR.

The Allies could not reach an agreement on whether to levy reparations before or after reconstruction.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Potsdam Conference**

At the end of July, the final meeting of the Allied forces took place.

The harmony that was once shared by the Allies came to end as fights quickly broke out between President Truman and Stalin on virtually every issue.

Different views on the treatment of Germany and Poland had begun to spawn a cold war between the USA and USSR.

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