

The Beginning of World War II

Major Events (Beginning)

1933-1945 → _____

- Concentration camps to enslave and murder Jewish people
- _____ Jewish people killed, plus more non-Jewish minorities

1935 → _____ **Race Laws**

- Removed citizenship from Jews
- Removed political rights from Jews
- Forbade Germans to marry or have sexual relations with Jews
- Made it legal to execute Jewish people

Major Events (Beginning)

1933 → _____ becomes Chancellor of Germany

- He wasted no time with building the military and putting his plan into action

1937 → _____ invades Manchuria (NE China)

- Japan needed _____, so they wanted to expand their empire to obtain more resources
- Millions of Chinese (military and citizens) were massacred
- _____ didn't come to help

Major Events (Beginning)

1938 → German Anschluss with Austria

- Nazi Germany annexed _____ which became known as Anschluss (German word meaning "joining")
 - Against multiple treaties Germany agreed to follow
 - Austria was Nazified and most Austrians supported this change
 - Austrians even persecuted the country's Jewish population

1939 → Hitler invades Czechoslovakia

- Hitler broke the Treaty of Munich _____ after signing
- Britain and France just hopes Germany will "settle down peacefully"

Major Events (Beginning)

1939 → Germany & _____ sign pact

- Invade Poland together to split the country's territory
- Britain and France declare war on Germany
 - Becomes known as “_____” due to nothing being done

1940 → Germany invades Denmark and Norway

- Germany wanted to occupy these countries to protect their _____ resources coming from Sweden

Major Events (Beginning)

1940 → _____ (meaning “Lightning War”)

- Fast and focused German attacks to invade France
- Included large amounts of panzers (German tanks), air bombing, infantry, and artillery

1940 → Italy enters war with _____

- Germany was gaining more territory; Italy wanted the same

1940 → Tripartite Pact (Axis Powers)

- Defense alliance between Germany, Italy, _____
- Intended to deter USA from joining conflict

Major Events (Beginning)

1941 → Germany invades _____ (Operation Barbarossa)

- Hitler looked to use Russian land as _____ (source of food)
- Germany's largest invasion of the war
- Hitler planned for a quick victory, but got distracted by other battles
- Capture of Moscow failed due to German _____, allowing Russia to build up army defenses
- Germany broke pact with Russia; now Russia joins the fight to defend “_____”

Major Events (U.S. Enters War)

1941 → _____ attacked

- Japan surprised U.S. by bombing Pearl Harbor (large navy fleet in Hawaii)
- Japan felt threatened by the U.S. fleet and thought bombing Pearl Harbor would buy the Japanese more time in Asia
- Destroyed 20 naval ships, 300 planes, more than _____ Americans died and another 1000 injured
- _____ declared war on Japan the next day (Franklin D. Roosevelt)
 - Great Britain joins America and declares war on Japan