**The Road to World War 2**

**Germany Rearms, 1933**

* Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany
* Immediately begins rebuilding the military
* Military slogan: “Today Germany, tomorrow the world!”

**Mussolini Invades Ethiopia, 1935**

* Italy invades Ethiopia for its oil
* The League of Nations takes no decisive action

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**Germany Annexes Austria (Anschluss with Austria), 1938**

* Nazi soldiers occupy Austria without a single shot being fired
* League of Nations does nothing – Are trying to avoid another war by taking no action

**The Policy of Appeasement, Sept. 1938**

* Hitler meets with world leaders and signs the Munich Agreement
* They allow Hitler to take the Sudetenland (part of Czechoslovakia) because they believe it will stop another World War.

**Rome-Berlin Axis Pact, Oct. 1938**

* Mussolini spreads fascism in the south, Hitler does so in the north
* Japan joins this alliance in 1940

**Full Occupation of Czechoslovakia, March 1939**

* A direct act against the Munich Agreement

**Non-Aggression Pact with Soviet Union, August 1939**

* This agreement says Germany and Soviet Union will not invade or fight in the event of war
* They also secretly agree to divide Poland
* Hitler no longer fears attack in the east and can concentrate on France and Britain

**Invasion of Poland, Sept. 1 1939**

* Hitler demands the Polish Corridor be given back to Germany
* Poland refuses
* Nazis respond with Blitzkrieg (lightning war) and takes Poland quickly

**Britain and France Declare War, Sept. 3 1939**

* Both nations realize the failure of appeasement
* World War 2 has begun!
* Canada joins on Sept 10