

How did World War 2 begin ? 1939-1945



The Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announces Britain is at war with Germany on 3 September 1939.



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Why do we call it World War II?

Europe on the Eve of World War II, 1939



The Axis Powers

- Germany
- Italy
- Japan

The Allies

- Britain
- France
- Poland
- Belgium & other European countries
- Commonwealth countries e.g. Australia, New Zealand & Canada
- Countries in the British Empire e.g. India.
- Joined by the USSR and the USA in 1941.

What caused the war?



There were many countries involved. In fact it was the **first war** to take place across the **entire planet of Earth**. It was the **first war** to ever involve more than **60 different countries**.

How did the Second World War start?

In **1918**, **Germany lost World War One**. Britain, France and America won World War 1.

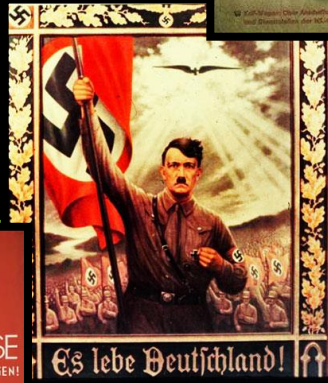
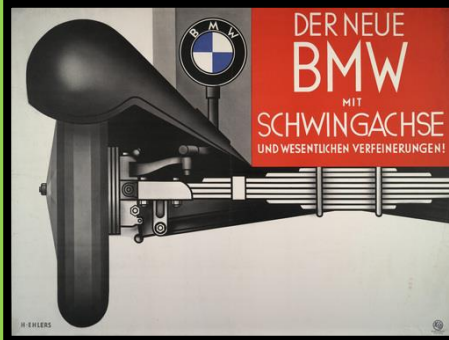
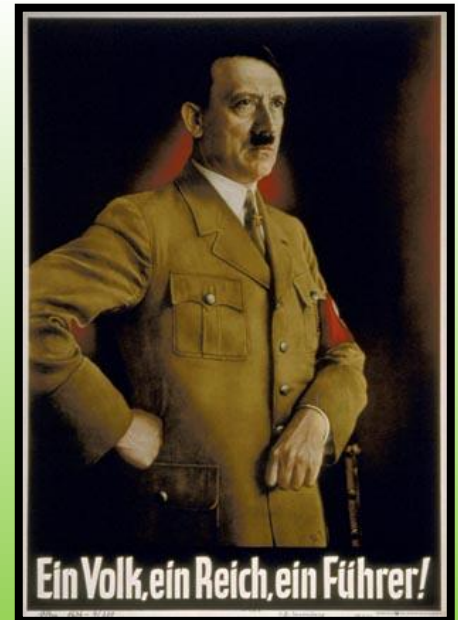
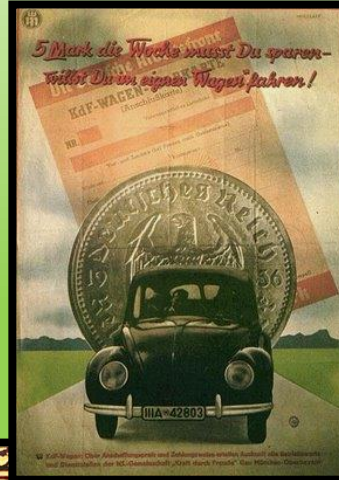
Germany had to give up land and was banned from having any army of its own.

Germany had to pay lots of money to Britain and France for starting the war. By **1928 Germany** had almost **no money**.

There was no work for anyone and many people were starving.



In **1933** a man named **Adolph Hitler** became the leader of the German government and the **leader** of **Germany**. He had **big plans** for his country and started to **build up** Germany's strength by putting people **back to work** building, making and becoming a **fit and healthy** people.



He also started to build up a **huge army** – but Germany had been banned from doing this – it was **illegal**.

By **1935 Germany** had become one of the **strongest** and most **powerful** countries in the world.

But Hitler believed the **German people** were the **best in the world** – he believed that they were **superior** to anyone else.

Hitler wanted Germany to rule the world.



These were some of the leaders involved in the War. Which flags no longer represent their countries?

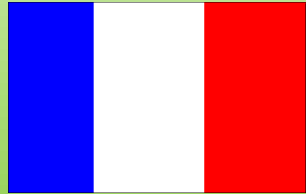


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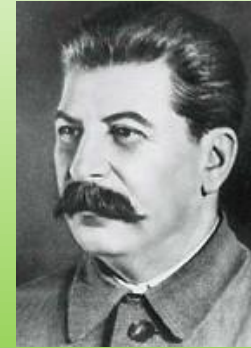
There was 2 sides in the war



The Allies



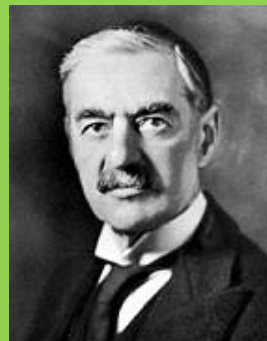
- Charles de Gaulle
- French general who led the French in their fight against Germany. After WWII, he became president of France.



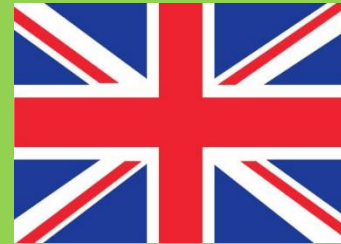
- Joseph Stalin
- Communist dictator of Soviet Union (Russia)



- Franklin D Roosevelt
- President of the USA during WW2



- Neville Chamberlain
- Prime Minister of Great Britain at start of WWII



- Winston Churchill
- Prime Minister from 1940 to 1945

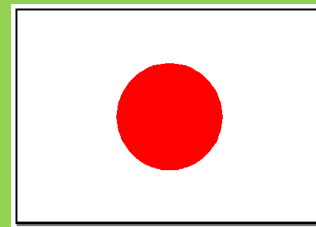
The Axis



- Adolf Hitler
- German dictator who planned & started WWII



- Benito Mussolini
- Prime minister of Italy. He joined forces with Hitler to fight the Allied powers.



- Hideki Tojo
- Prime minister of Japan

LO: What caused World War II and which countries were involved?

Your Task: To create a poster showing the Axis and the Allies.

You can do this on paper or digitally (Powerpoint, Adobe Spark or Google slide)

Include a map, match the leader, flag and correct label together. Copy and complete the paragraph on your sheet.

Include a map, label each leader/flag and note if they were the leader of an ally or axis country. Explain in your own words what caused World War II.

What caused World War 2?

LEADERS OF THE MAIN COUNTRIES



Neville Chamberlain Winston Churchill

Both were Prime Minister of Great Britain during the Second World War.



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Leader of Germany during World War II.



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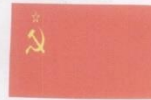
THE ALLIES



GB



France



Soviet Union



USA

World War II was caused by Germany's attempt to expand by invading Poland on 1st Sept 1939. Britain and France did not want Germany to become more powerful and declared war on 3rd September 1939.

THE AXIS



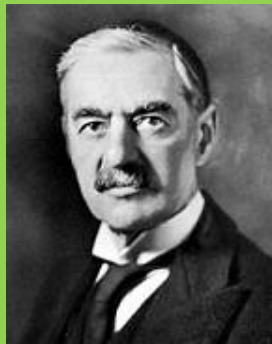
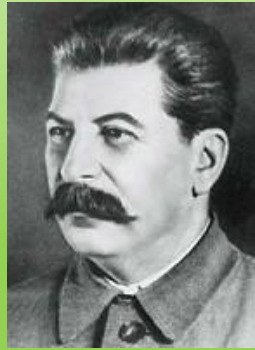
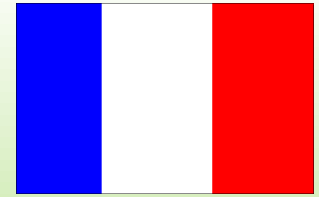
Germany



Italy



Japan



The War began when _____
_____, the leader of _____,
decided that his country should expand
to become more powerful. Hitler's forces
invaded _____ on September 1st
1939. Some countries, including Britain,
did not wish to allow Hitler to do this and
so on September 3rd 1939 _____
_____, the Prime Minister of
Great Britain declared War on Germany.

Neville Chamberlain
Poland
Adolf Hitler

Germany

