...REMINDERS...

- WWI Leads to WWII
    - War Guilt Clause → too harsh = revenge
      - Germany resented, but HAD to follow
    - Exclusion of certain nations & wishes
      - Who? How?
    - Ineffective League of Nations
      - Why?
  - Worldwide Depression
    - WWI left Europe in DEBT, DESTRUCTION & DESPAIR
      - Breeding ground for rise of TOTALITARIAN REGIMES
    - US Depression
      - Followed period of prosperity → US supports nations in TRADE
      - Depression halts business, prosperity & trade → Hawley Smoot Tariff
A US Depression Soon Leads to a Worldwide Depression

America was the world’s leading importer & lender of money until...

US places tariff (tax) on imported goods

Hawley-Smoot Tariff

How will a US depression affect the world?

Encourages purchasing of American made goods – goal?

Other nations follow - leads to worldwide despair TRADE ENTERS A STANDSTILL

Totalitarianism Rises…
Totalitarian Regimes

Political Control
- The nation first nothing before the nation
- Weak people become controlled by strong leaders
- Empty promises

Social Control
- Government controls daily life
- Fear tactics = secret police
- Denial of basic rights = propaganda

Economical Control
- COMMAND ECONOMY (quotas)
- Government controls businesses & makes all production decisions
- Businesses & labor support national needs
Totalitarian Regimes - The Interwar Years

Soviet Union: Communism under Stalin

- Background:
  - Russian Revolution → eliminates private property & archaic gov’t
  - Civil War: Reds vs. Whites (1918-1920) → reds win → 1922 Union of Soviet Socialist Republic - **FIRST COMMUNIST NATION**
  - Stalin as Leader - STRENGTHEN Communism
    - Paranoid → maintain power through **FORCE** (Gulags, Purge, etc.)
    - Industrialize w/ quotas - ↑ productivity (collectivization & 5 year plan)

Italy: Fascism under Mussolini

- Restore Italian glory (NATIONALISM) → embarrassed after WWI
- **Propaganda** → used to convince people of need/importance of actions
  - “All in the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state.”
- March on Rome → gained authority and implemented change
  - Limitations on individual freedoms & rights (censorship)
  - Trade unions abolished; Curb freedom of press; National police force; Special Courts
- Rome-Berlin Axis - formation of alliance with…
Totalitarian Regimes - The Interwar Years

Germany: Hail Hitler
- Post WWI:
  - Economic struggles - Unpopular Gov’t - Hyperinflation
- Hitler Rises to Power
  - Using poor conditions to rise to power
  - Exemplifies strength via propaganda → elected → THEN coup d’etat by crushing opposition
  - Finds answers to cure difficulties
    - Treaty...
    - Scapegoat for trouble...

Japan: Military Dictatorship
- Trickle down of depression → people lose faith in gov’t
- CONQUEST becomes key → build fighting spirit starting in schools
  - “surrender, defeat, retreat” - removed from dictionary (WHY?)
- Break with League (Manchurian Incident)
- Break ties with world as AGGRESSION is questioned (1930s) - grow close to Germany
- US embargo restricts oil → threat to Japanese ambitions (HOW?)
BUT WHAT CAUSED WWII...REALLY?
Hitler “Pulled” Germany OUT of the Powerful Treaty with British Help

APPEASEMENT POLICY (Great Britain)
- Give into the demands of Hitler at any cost in order to prevent another war
- Britain COULD NOT sustain a war…

Attempt to “fix” severity of Treaty
- Turned blind-eye to Germany’s actions of ignoring Treaty provisions
- Turned blind-eye to Germany’s actions of re-arming stating had a right to defend selves
- Policy of inaction
British Appeasement Policy – The Consequences!

‘Remember... One More Lollypop, and Then You All Go Home!’

**THINK:** How does this Dr. Seuss cartoon show the MEANING of appeasement and the CONSEQUENCES of appeasement?
British Appeasement Policy

**Hitler’s Aggression Grows**
Hitler Asks—may I build subs—G.B. OK
Hitler Asks—may I take this land—G.B. OK

**Creates New Goals:**
Desire to create “Lebensraum”
Sends troops to Rhineland to DEMILITARIZE
Sudetenland
Poland