World War II

- **Aim:** Did appeasement of Hitler make World War II inevitable?
- **Do Now:** Clauses of The Versailles Treaty
- **Homework:**
  - **Due Fri 3/29** - Test Corrections
  - Hand in all missing Homework
Appeasement:
Accepting demands in order to avoid conflict
### Document Analysis

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<td>Germany was required to shrink the size of its military to a small defensive force</td>
<td>1935 • military draft • increased the size of the army • organized the German Luftwaffe (air force)</td>
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<td>The Rhineland, a region of western Germany on the border of France, was considered a “demilitarized” region, with Germany forbidden from maintaining troops near the French border.</td>
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The Munich Conference - 1938

**Appeasement** - the policy of making concessions to the dictatorial powers in order to avoid conflict

- Neville Chamberlain (Britain)
- Edouard Daladier (France)
- Adolf Hitler (Germany)
- Benito Mussolini (Italy)
Appeasement of Hitler

• Pacifism – anti-war feelings “peace at any price”
• Not prepared to fight militarily
• Didn’t have the U.S. or Soviet Union as allies
• Guilt over the Versailles Treaty
• Poor leadership
• Depression/economic problems
• Trusted Hitler
• Were these good reasons to appease Hitler?
• Is a nation obligated to protect other nations?
• At what point should a country use military force against another country?
• At what point do you think Hitler could have been stopped?
Hitler’s Violations of the Versailles Treaty

- German rearmament
- German occupation of the Rhineland
- German annexation of Austria
- German invasion of the Sudetenland - 1938
  - Munich Conference – 1938 Hitler (Germany), Chamberlain (Britain) Daladier(France)
- German invasion of Czechoslovakia - 1939
- German invasion of Poland – September 1, 1939
Adolph Hitler - Germany
Winston Churchill - Britain
Josef Stalin – Soviet Union
Benito Mussolini - Italy
Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) - U.S.
World War II Maps

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