

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

Historical Context

- refers to the historical circumstances that led to this event/idea/historical development.

Geographic Context

- refers to where this historical development/event is taking place and why it is taking place there.

1941

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Provision of the Versailles Treaty	German Action (give year)	Response of Britain and France	Why did France and Britain take the action
Germany was required to shrink the size of its military to a small defensive force	1935 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • military draft • increased the size of the army • organized the German Luftwaffe (air force) 		
The Rhineland, a region of western Germany on the border of France, was considered a “de-militarized” region, with Germany forbidden from maintaining troops near the French border.	1936 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sent German troops into the Rhineland 		
Austria and Germany were forbidden from uniting	1938 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anschluss: Hitler annexed Austria 		

The independent country of Czechoslovakia was created.

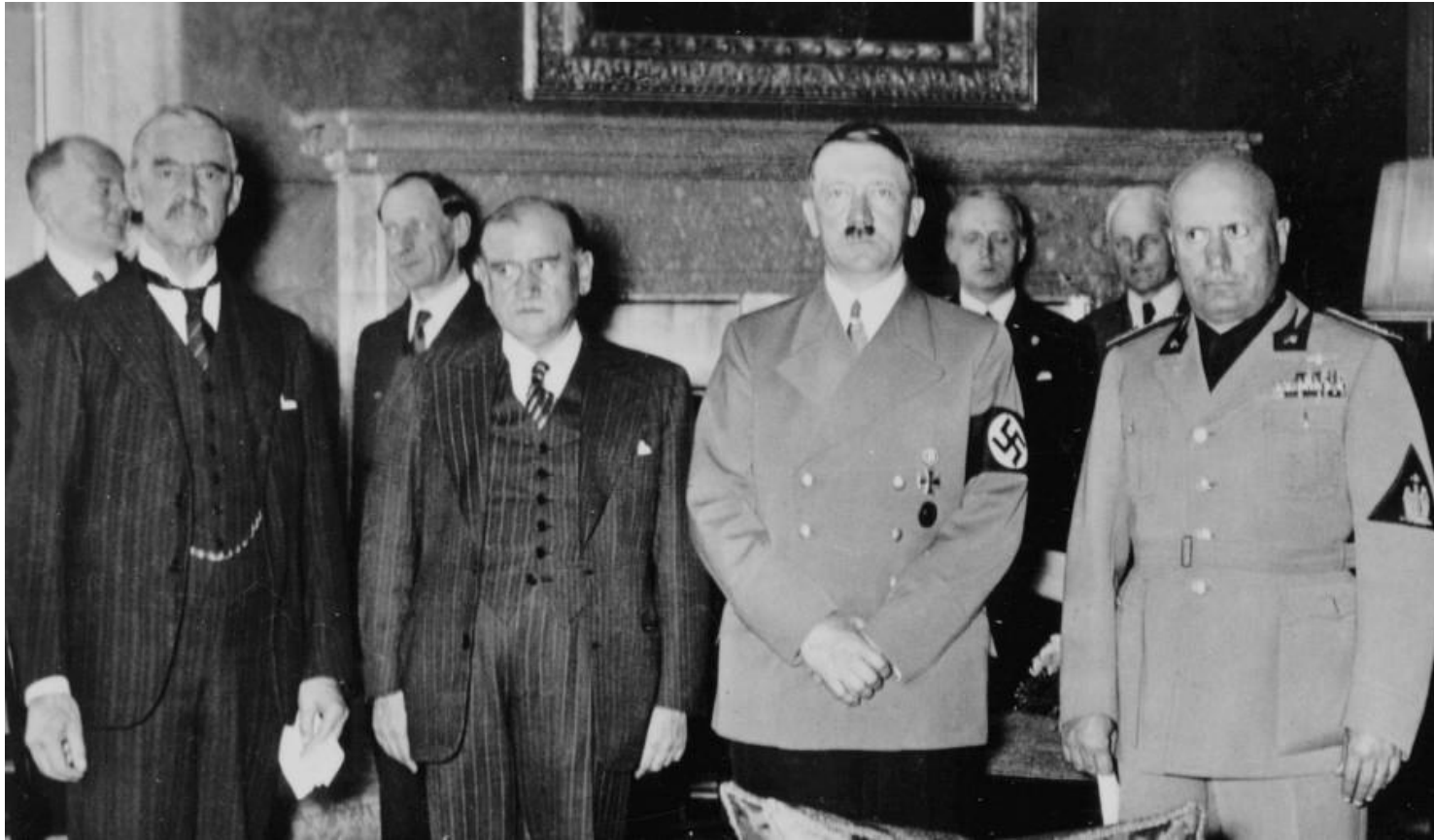
1938-

- Munich Conference – Germany, Italy, France & Britain give Sudetenland to Germany
- Invasion of Czechoslovakia

The independent country of Poland was created.

1939 –

- **German-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact** – Hitler and Stalin agree not attack each other.



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?

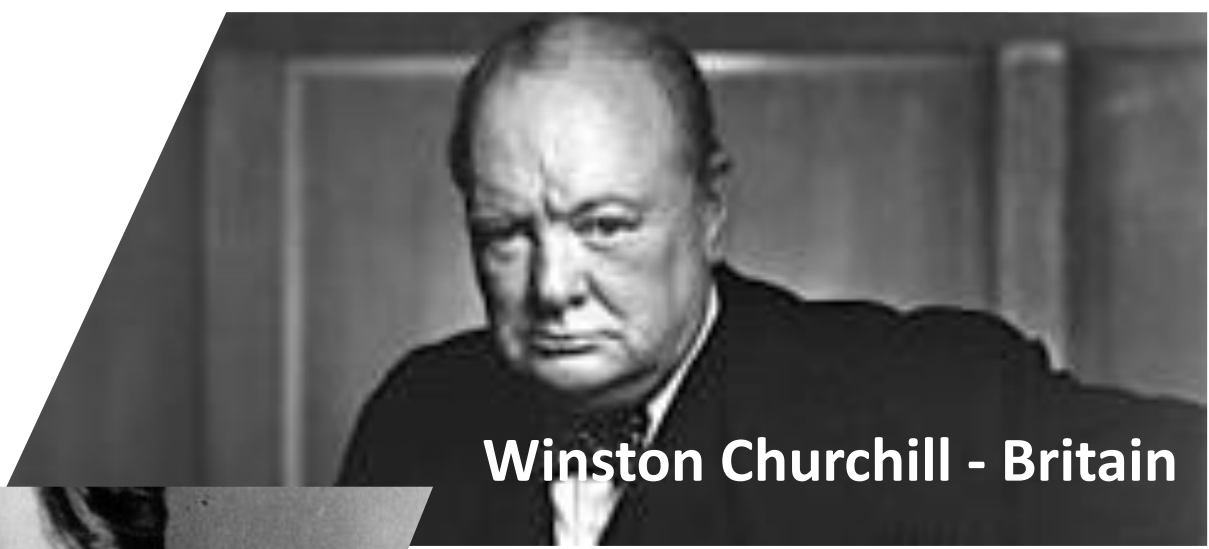
Hitler's Violations of the Versailles Treaty

- 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



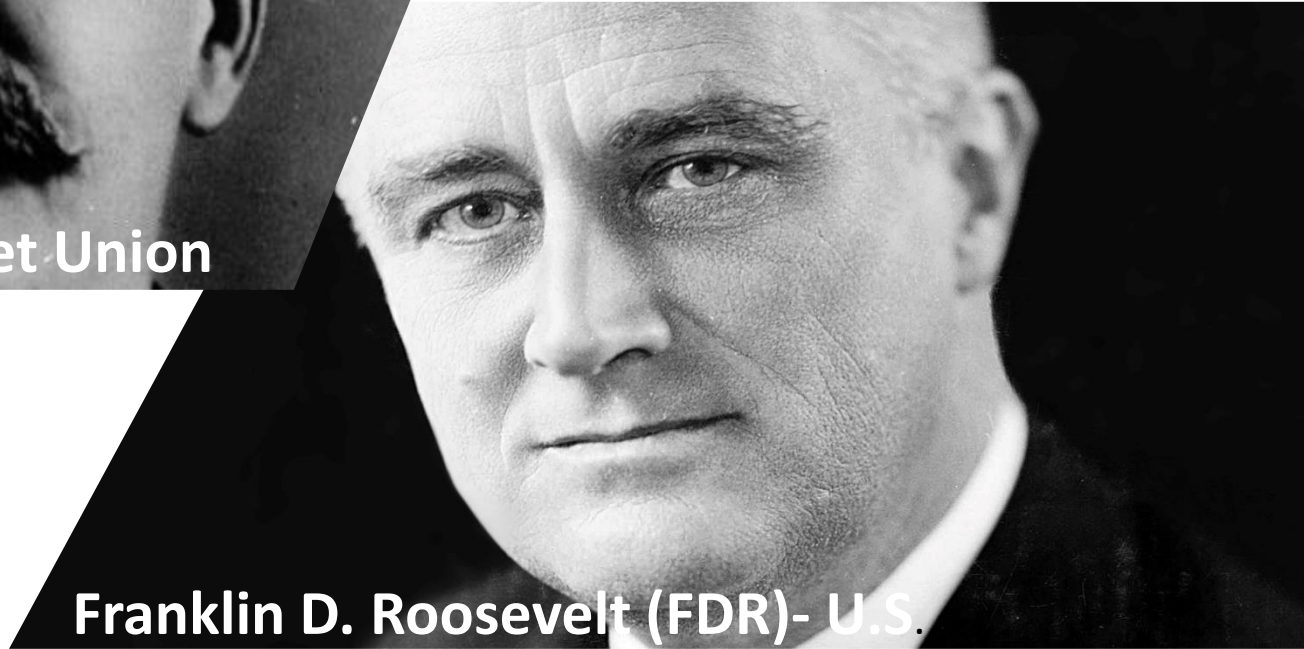
Winston Churchill - Britain



Benito Mussolini-Italy



Josef Stalin – Soviet Union



Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR)- U.S.



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