

Europe 1931-1939

IV. Spain

- Spain established a parliamentary gov't in 1931
- The system was extremely weak and failing
- 1936 General Francisco Franco took control of parts of Spain
- This led to a massive civil war
- Germany and Italy supported Franco's troops to help crush the democracy
- While France and Britain refused to help the Spanish democracy
- In 1939 Franco installed a dictatorship in Spain
- Spain stayed neutral during WWII

V. Germany

- In 1933, Hitler began to rebuild the German military.
- Hitler violated the Treaty of Versailles.
- In 1933 Germany withdrew from the League of Nations.
- 1935, Hitler took back the Rhineland.
- In 1937 Germany signed an alliance with Japan.
- In early 1938 Hitler annexed Austria
- At the Munich Conference of 1938, Hitler was given the Sudetenland
- Hitler received **appeasement** policy was used to avoid a war.

VI. Europe 1939

- Appeasement worked for one year
- 1939, Hitler claimed the rest of Czechoslovakia.
- March 1939 Italy invaded Albania.
- The Germans signed the "Pact of Steel" uniting Germany and Italy in May 1939.

VII. Nazi-Soviet Pact

- Germany signed the Nazi-Soviet Pact in August 1939.
- Germany would take Eastern Poland and Lithuania
- Russia would get the remainder of Poland, Finland and the Baltic States.
- German forces marched into Poland on September 1, 1939.
- September 3, 1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany