

# WWII: 1939-1941

## Cause 1

- Passivism of the west
- Appeasement by GB and France
- Isolationism by US



## Cause 2

- Aggression by dictators
- Hitler/Germany
- Mussolini/Italy
- Tojo/Japan
- Stalin/USSR



## Cause 3

- Weakness of international agreements
- League of Nations is weak
- Treaty of Versailles is unfair



## Cause 4

- Nationalism: Europeans love their countries too much

1939

## Axis Powers

- Allies with Germany and Italy
- Germany/Italy/Japan known as Axis Powers



## Hitler on the Move

- Germany invades Poland
- Poland is overpowered



## Poland's Fate

- Germany takes over Poland
- Allies do nothing

1940

## Allied Powers

- Hitler sets his sights on GB and France
- Will invade France first



## Fall of France

- Hitler goes around France's defenses
- French lose badly and are out of the war



## Battle of Britain

- Hitler sends air raids into Britain
- British, led by Churchill, refuse to give in
- England holds off Hitler alone

1941

## Hitler Looks East

- Hitler invades USSR
- Violates a prior treaty between the two countries
- Slow, brutal fighting in USSR



## In Europe

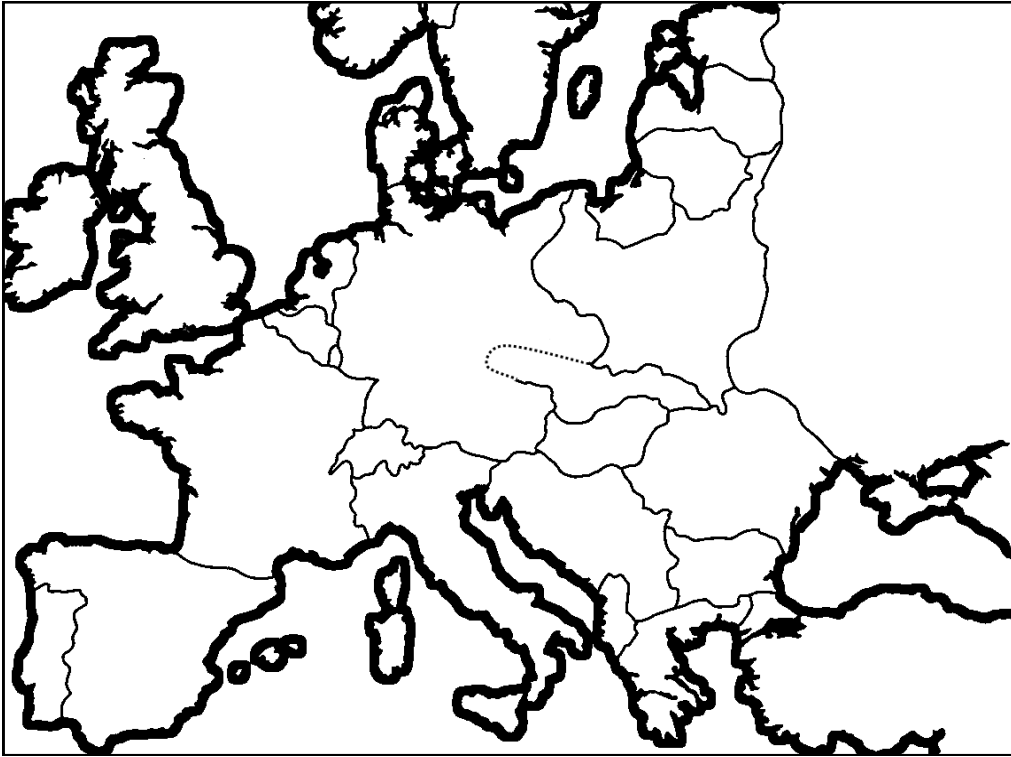
- Hitler now controls most of Europe
- French are out of the war
- England is stuck on its island
- USSR is being pushed back



## Pearl Harbor

- US had been isolationist
- Japanese are mad over refusal to trade
- Japanese surprise attack US at naval base Pearl Harbor
- US, led by FDR, joins war

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