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# World War II Cheat Sheet

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## Treaty of Versailles: 1919

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| **Paris Peace Conference** | Formally ended WWI | |
| **Purpose** | Reflected wishes of: Britain, France, US, Allies | |
| | Weaken Germany: no threat to 'European Peace' | Germany forced to accept 'war guilt' |
| **Outcome** | League of Nations established | |
| | Made WWII possible | The treaty became a pioneer of the rise of Hitler and the World War II |

## Great Depression: August 1929 – March 1933

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| **US** | Wall Street Crash | |
| | Financial Panic | |
| | Countries relied upon them | International Trade collapsed |
| **Australia** | Greatly impacted | |
| | Unemployment rose 30% [1932] | |
| **Public Work** | Buildings, highways & dams | |
| | *Australia* | Sydney Opera House, Great Ocean Road |
| **Germany** | Impacted severely | First to recover |
| | Unstable Politics | Nazi régime began |
| **Economy** | Poor suffered | Lost everything |
| | Great Debt | |
| | Rich - owned landed + buildings | survived |
| | Rich - stock market + finance | suffered, lost everything |

## German Expansion

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| **Policy Aims** | Destroy Treaty of Versailles | |
| | Gain *'Lebensraum'* in Eastern Europe | |
| | Bring all Germans into one Greater Germany | One Reich |
| | Make Germany Strong Again | |
| **Austria - 1934** | Failed *July Putsch* (uprising) of Austrian Nazis | |
| | Hitler's first attempt of expanding | Failure |
| **Rhineland - 1936** | Direct violation of the Treaty of Versailles | |
| | Remilitarizing a demilitarize zone | |
| **Austria - 1938** | Greeted by cheering crowds & warm welcome | |
| | *Anschluss* | |
| **Czechoslovakia - 1938** | Reclaim lost after WW1 | |
| | Allies can't get involved | Policy of Appeasement |
| **Poland** | German-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact | neutral against one another |
| | USSR agreed to remain neutral while Germany invaded Poland | |




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| Roaring Twenties: 1920's | | | |
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| **New Era** | *Age of Prosperity* | Affordable | |
| **Opportunities** | Advances in mass production | Economy boomed | |
| **Creativity** | Carefree living | freedom in *Music, Cinema, Dance & Jazz* | freedom to express themselves |
| **Women** | Independent | Equality: *marriage & political* | Made the Villains by the church |
| ***Flappers*** | New Era of Feminists | short dresses, red lipstick, rebels of their time | |
| | *"rather naughty than nice"* | | |
| | *"Forward young Women"* | | |
| | *Showed the necessity of change* | | |
| ***Speakeasies*** | Prohibited | Unity of classes | Worst kept Secret |
| | Changed Social Life | Gangsters, Wealthy, Lower Class | Together |
| | Cotton Club | Celebrities joined | Popular Speakeasy |

| Australia at War | |
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| **Rats of Tobruk: 5 Aug, 1940** | April-25th October: **749** killed; **1,996** wounded; **604** prisoners |
| | 1st March -> end; **832** killed; **2,177** wounded; **941** prisoners |
| | Australian's were surrounded by German and Italian forces for 8 months. |
| | Germans called them the *'Rats of Tobruk'* - a name that the Australians adopted with pride. |
| **Kokoda: 21 Jul - 16 Nov 1942** | Approx. 625 Australian Soldiers died |
| | June 1942: **39th Battalion** (mostly 18- and 19-year old Victorian conscripts) ordered to advance with troops of the Papuan Infantry Brigade under-**equipped, poorly supplied, outnumbered** |
| | **17 Sept**: forced back to the Imita Ridge; 50km from Port Moresby *(Japanese goal)* ; Ordered to hold that position **24 Sept**: tide of battle had turned **2 Nov:** Australians regained Kokoda |
| **Darwin Bombed: 19 Feb, 1942** | Hit by 22 Japanese Air Raids: **90** bombers with fighter escorts: **243** Australians killed |
| **Home Front** | Australia focused on defending coastline & infrastructure |
| | *Coastwatcher's* stationed at key points along coastline |
| | Volunteer War Effort: **Preserve** law & order; **Protect** public utilities; **Prevent** subversive activities |



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| Australia at War (cont) | |
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| **POWs** | **30,000** Australians; **8591** captured by Germans; **97%** survived war |
| | **21,467** captured by Japanese; **8,000** died to disease; suffered force labour |
| **Women in AUS** | **Fundraising**; **charity** work |
| | Number of women working in War material: **1,000** to **145,000** |
| **Women at War** | Could only work as nurses: **78,000** enlisted; **4000** overseas |
| | **AWAS:** army; **31,000** transport, communication + combat |
| | **WAAAF:** airforce; **+18,000** sighned |
| | **WRANS:** navy; **3,000**; *not allowed at sea* |
| | **65** nurses on ship *Vyner Brooke* sunk by Japanese; **24 survived** |

| Holocaust | |
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| **Denial of Civil Rights: 1933-1938** | *Mar 1933*: Hitler ordered SA to stand outside Jewish-owned shops & prevent customers form entering |
| | *Apr 1933*: Jews forced to give up jobs in civil service |
| | *Sep 1933*: not allowed to inherit land |
| | *1935*: Jews excluded from parks, swimming pools, restaurants + public buildings; Marriage between Jews & Non-Jews banned |
| **Persecution Increases: 1938-1941** | All tights possessed by Jews were taken away; Jewish doctors had qualifications taken away; could no longer choose child's name |
| violence | ***Kristallnacht***: **7,000** Jewish shops vandalized; **40,000** Jews sent to concentration camps; retaliation of shooting of German official in Paris by Jew |
| **The Final Solution: 1941-1945** | ***final solution of the Jewish Problem*** |
| Genocide | **6 million** Jews exterminated through mass summary executions, pogroms + death camps |
| | Death camps: **Auschwitz, Treblinka + Sobibor** |

| War in the Pacific | |
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| **Pearl Harbour** | Strike from Japanese included **353** aircrafts that launched **four** heavy carriers: consisted of **40** torpedo planes, **103** level bombers, **131** dive-bombers, and **79** fighters. |
| | *This surprise attack that brought America out of its isolation and officially into World War II, fighting for themselves.* |



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| War in the Pacific (cont) | |
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| **Manhattan Project** | U.S. government research project for the sole purpose of developing nuclear weapons |
| Robert Oppenheimer | *Father of the atomic bomb*; leader of projet |
| Trinity | First successful test of nuclear device |
| **Total War** | A war which hostility completely mobilisers its populations & resources to support war effort |
| **Case *FOR* dropping Bomb** | *Problems with ally Russia; preserve American values; fight to preserve freedom + punish unjust aggression* |
| **Case *AGAINST* dropping Bomb** | **Not just think of present situation** (future ramifications - change of warfare); **armaments** (weaponized) **race likely to occur**; **first strike more likely for countries w/out atomic weapons**; **mutual trust** between nations **limited**; **indiscriminate form of warfare** |
| **Immediate Effects of Nuclear Attack: Hiroshima** | One weapon was able to wipe out lives of **tens of thousands** in an instant; People died from **flash + Flame burns, falling debris + other causes**; over **3/4** of buildings demolished |
| **Why Second Bomb: Nagasaki** | Due to what me be a **mistake of interpretation** lead US to believe Japan would continue to fight |
| **Civilian View** | All they could witness was the destruction of city. |
| | Loud noise that came from nowhere; bright yellow rays that destroyed everything in sight - dominoes effect; cries of those around all could be heard |

| League of Nations: 1920 -1946 | | |
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| **Aim** | Prevent future wars | Failure |
| | Encourage great hope that there would never be a world war again | |
| **Structure** | No Military power | Viewed as 'toothless' |
| | Warn countries of possible wars | |
| | Decisions were anonymous | 1 vote against prevented league to take action |
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| **Outcome** | Formed 10 January 1920 | |
| | Effectively resolved some International conflict | |
| | Failed to prevent outbreak of Second World War | Political failure of its time |



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| Key Battles | |
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| **Battle of Britain: 5 Aug, 1940** | Germany planning full invasion on UK |
| | RAF lost **1250** aircraft: **544** piolets dead, **1017** fighters |
| | **520** men killed serving with Fighter Command; Over **700** fatalities; Some **43,000** civilians killed |
| | Air Battle: Bombing of major cities in UK - Nazi planes |
| | German airforce suffers:**165** planes shot down losses they would never recover from |
| **Battle of the Atlantic: 23 Oct - 11 Nov, 1942** | Water Battle |
| | **1,315** ships lost by U-boat; **2,177** ships lost all enemy causes; **22,898** No. of Crew *lost by U-boat;* ***30,132*** *No. of Crew* lost all enemy causes |
| | ***Legacy:*** Allied victory not possible without the battles at sea |
| **Battle of El Alamein: Jul 1942** | Tanks destroyed: *40* guns taken: *hundreds* of Prisoners |
| | Allies became successful in this desert battle |
| | ***"Before Alamein, we never had a victory. After Alamein, we never had a defeat"***- Winston Churchill |
| **Battle of Stalingrad: 23 Aug, 1942 - 2 Feb, 1943** | Germany occupied **90%** of the city: Soviets refused to give up |
| | Food began to run - resolved through eating animals: Supplies to Germany cut off |
| | **18,000** soldiers wounded, *without supplies or dressings or drugs*: USSR lost **8-10 million** |
| | Germany were defeated due to circumstances: Russian Winter |
| | Resilient warfare: Continuous Russian attacks |
| **Battle of Normandy: 6 Jun - 30 Aug 1944** | Allied Troops = **10k** causalities |
| | Axis Troops = **4-9k** causalities |
| | **156,000** Allied Troops: **5,000** ships + landing crafts; **50,000** vehicles; **11,000** planes |
| **Battle of Okinawa: 1 Apr - 22 Jun, 1945** | Went for 82 days |
| | American Losses: **34** Allied ships & craft lost; **368** Allied ships & craft lost; Fleet lost **763** aircraft; **5,000** navy dead |
| | Japanese Losses: Over **100,000** soldiers dead; over **23,000** sealed in caves or buried; **7800** aircraft down; **16** combat ships out |



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## Key Battles (cont)

Bloodbath at Okinawa was a major factor why US President Harry Truman's decision to NOT invade Japan

## Children Nazi Germany

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| **Early Views** | Great emphasis on children; did not disregard young people or underestimate political beliefs |
| | Gave them sense of **purpose, achievement & community** |
| | Filled minds with *racial purity, Aryan supremacy, German expansions & future military conquests** |
| **Education** | Disseminate **Nazi ideology, enhance loyalty to Hitler, prepare millions of German boys for military service** |
| | Non-Jewish teachers pressured to join *Nationalsozialistischer Lehrerbund* (Nazi Teachers' League) |
| | curriculum shaped to convey Nazi beliefs and values: **racial education, 'enlightening' children about Aryan supremacy & despicable traits of *untermensch* (sub-human people + races)** |
| **'Nazified' Subjects** | Most important subject in this process was **history**; convey + reinforce Nazi values & assumptions. Filled with tales of **Germanic heroes + warriors, political leaders** & **military conquests** |
| | Mathematics & Sciences neglected in contrast |
| **Nazi Youth Groups**, | *Hitler Jugend* (Hitler Youth); inspired by British scouting movement |
| | 1930: contained more than **25,000 boys ages 14-18** |
| | Adopted same *symbols, culture, psychology & appeals to nationalism* employed in SA + SS |
| | Eend of 1937: *5 million members* or **64% of all German adolescent boys** |
| **Life in Hitler Youth** | Dominated by physical training & ideological indoctrination |
| | Prepared them for entry into armed forces - *de facto* paramilitary group |
| | Range of physical activities + skills training: **sports + games, hiking, orienteering, map reading, knot-tying** & **bushcraft** |
| **Military Indoctrination`** | Became more **militaristic**, more emphasis on **marching + drills, weapon training, obstacle + assault courses, camouflage** & **combat tactics** |
| | Attended lectures & instructional sessions about *Hitler's life, Nazi ideas & racial theory*, required to take Oath of Loyalty to Hitler |



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| Children Nazi Germany (cont) | |
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| **Girls Group** | *Junmadelbund* (German Girls' League) age 10-14; *Bund Deutscher Madel* (League of German Maidens') age 14-18 |
| | Prepared them for lives as **wives, mothers** & **homemakers** |
| | Completed activities such as **sports + calisthenics**: intended to enhance *fitness, strength & beauty*; Classes on **grooming, hair + makeup, needlework, German traditions - Nazi ideology & values** |

| Nazification of Germany | |
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| January 1933 | National Socialist (Nazi) leader Adolph Hitler had been appointed Chancellor |
| **'Coordination'** | Laws and policy guidelines to ensure that all areas of public life were in alignment with Nazism |
| | Affected every aspect of society, including sports. |
| **Gleichschaltung** | Complete Nazi domination of all aspects of German life |

| Vocab | |
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| **Reparations** | compensation for war damage paid for by the defeated countries |
| **Kristallnacht** | the night in Germany when gangs attacked Jewish synagogues and thousands of Jews were arrested and placed in concentration camps |
| **Genocide** | the mass extermination of a group of people based on race, religion, or culture |
| **Holocaust** | the systemic murder of 11 million people (6 million Jews) by Nazi Germany during WW2 |
| **Auschwitz** | the largest of Nazi death and concentration camps in Poland |
| **Propaganda** | the spread of information through films, writings, images, etc. to support a cause |
| **Axis Powers** | alliance formed by Japan, Germany, Italy, led by Emperor Hirohito, Adolf Hitler, and Benito Mussolini |
| **Allies** | alliance formed by US, Great Britain, Soviet Union, led by Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin |
| **D-Day** | June 1944, Allied forces land on the beach of Normandy, France and advanced on Germany |
| **Fascism** | A political system headed by a dictator that calls for extreme nationalism and racism and no tolerance of opposition |
| **Militarism** | The idea that a country's problems can always be solved with aggression |
| **Appeasement** | The French and British policy of giving in to Germany's demands in order to prevent war |
| **Isolationism** | The US foreign policy of avoiding involvement in world affairs after WWI |



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| Vocab (cont) | |
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| **Blitz** | Sustained bombing of Britain by Nazi Germany between 1940 and 1941 |
| **Conscription** | compulsory enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces. |
| **Nuremberg Laws (1935)** | Laws defining the status of Jews and withdrawing citizenship from persons of non-German blood. |
| **Star of David** | A symbol of the Jewish religion. Nazis forced Jews to wear it on the outside of all of their clothing. |
| **Bushido** | belief that it was better to die in battle or commit suicide rather than be captured |
| **Kamikaze** | a fighter plane used for suicide missions by Japanese pilots in World War II |



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