



The League of Nations in the 1930s – Questions and Answers

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Which worldwide event strained relations between countries from 1929?	The Great Depression (triggered by the Wall Street Crash)
What triggered the Japanese invasion of Manchuria?	Chinese aggression against their railway
How did China respond to the invasion?	Called on the League of Nations
Who led the League’s investigation of the Manchuria Crisis?	Lord Lytton
How long did it take the Lytton Enquiry to publish its judgement?	Over a year – February 1933
What did the Lytton Enquiry say about the Manchuria Crisis?	Japan needed to leave Manchuria
What was Japan’s response to the ruling?	Japan quit the League
Why did the League not impose any sanctions against Japan?	Britain and France didn’t want to lose trade or send troops half way across the world



When did the League-organised World Disarmament Conference begin?	1932
What did Hitler argue at the World Disarmament Conference?	Germany should be allowed to rearm to a level equal to that of the other powers
How did Hitler respond to the League's opposition to rearmament?	Germany quit the conference and, later, the League
When did Germany quit the League of Nations?	1934
How did Mussolini hope to distract Italians from the impact of the Great Depression?	Invasion of Abyssinia
When did Italian troops invade Abyssinia?	1935
How did Abyssinia respond to the Italian invasion?	Asked the League for assistance
Why were Britain and France reluctant to punish Italy?	Wanted to keep Mussolini as an ally against Hitler
What actions did the League take against Italy?	Condemned the invasion and imposed some economic sanctions
Which product was not the subject of economic sanctions against Italy?	Oil



Which waterway continued to be open to Italian ships?	Suez Canal
What was the name of the secret-deal drawn up by Britain and France?	Hoare-Laval Pact
What was the name of the agreement Mussolini later signed with Hitler?	The Rome-Berlin Axis