



The Road to WWII – Questions and Answers

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In what year did the Wall Street Crash take place?	1929
Which agreement was Hitler determined to overturn?	Treaty of Versailles
With which country did Hitler aim to unify?	Austria
What term did Hitler apply to his aim of expanding German territory for 'living space'?	Lebensraum
Which political ideology did Hitler passionately oppose?	Communism
When did Hitler become Chancellor of Germany?	30 January 1933
What was Hitler's first action after becoming Chancellor of Germany?	Begin to rebuild the armed forces
What did Hitler argue at the Geneva Disarmament Conference?	France should disarm to the level of Germany, or Germany should rearm to their level

In what year did Hitler first show his armed forces at military rally?	1935
Which agreement did Britain, France and Italy sign that issued a policy against Hitler's rearmament?	The Stresa Front
Why did Britain begin to think there might be some advantages to Germany having more troops?	It was in a good geographic position to act as a buffer against Communism
When did Britain sign the Anglo-German Naval Agreement?	1935
What did the Anglo-German Naval Agreement allow?	Germany could increase its navy to a third of the size of Britain's
When did Hitler remilitarise the Rhineland?	March 1936
Why was the remilitarisation of the Rhineland a gamble for Hitler?	He would have been defeated if another country tried to stop him
The League of Nations' responses to which crises gave Hitler the confidence to remilitarise the Rhineland?	Manchuria Crisis and Abyssinian Crisis
Why did Hitler believe Britain would not stop the remilitarisation of the Rhineland?	He thought Britain found it reasonable for Germany to have control over her own 'backyard'
Why did France not stop Hitler's remilitarisation of the Rhineland?	There was about to be an election and politicians didn't want to be responsible for starting another war

In 1936 Hitler joined which war?	Spanish Civil War
Germany signed which agreement with Japan in 1936?	Anti-Comintern Pact
What name is given to the alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan?	Axis Alliance
What name is given to the union of Germany and Austria in 1938?	Anschluss
In the Nazi-monitored plebiscite, what percentage of Austrians voted for Anschluss?	99.75%
What name was used by the western powers towards Germany in the 1930s?	Appeasement
Why did some British people in the 1930s feel that Hitler was justified in challenging the Treaty of Versailles?	They felt that the Treaty was unfair
What was the risk to Britain of trying to stop Hitler challenging the Treaty of Versailles?	It could lead to another war
Why were Britain and France reluctant to financially commit to upholding the Treaty of Versailles?	They were both affected by the Great Depression
Why was Britain unable to directly fight Germany for much of the 1930s?	They needed time to rearm



What was the danger of Britain and France refusing to stand up to Hitler's early gambles?	It encouraged him to take bigger and bigger risks
Why was appeasement useful for Hitler's army?	It gave him time to continue building it up
Which was the first area of Czechoslovakia to be targeted by Hitler?	The Sudetenland
In which city did Neville Chamberlain meet Hitler to discuss the Sudetenland Crisis?	Munich
On what date did Hitler sign the Munich Agreement?	29 September 1938
What phrase did Chamberlain use to describe the Munich Agreement?	"peace for our time"
On which date did Hitler's troops take over the rest of Czechoslovakia?	15th March 1939
Why was the invasion of Czechoslovakia different to Hitler's previous annexations?	There were no Germans living there to unify
When was the Nazi-Soviet Pact signed?	24th August 1939
What was the secret agreement included in the Nazi-Soviet Pact?	Germany and the USSR agreed to divide Poland between the them
When did Germany invade Poland?	1st September 1939