

Causes of WWII

1. Treaty of Versailles

- After Germany lost WWI, the winning nations drafted a treaty to address issues such as _____, _____, reparations, _____, war guilt and the _____.
- The treaty punished Germany and left bitter feelings.
- Germany was forced to accept all the blame for the war and pay millions in _____ to Britain and France.

2. The Rise of Fascism in Italy (Benito Mussolini)

- Fascism is a totalitarian form of government which:
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3. Rise of Hitler

- In Germany, _____, _____ and hard times led to a dramatic increase in votes for Hitler and the _____.

4. Worldwide Economic Depression

- As economies plummeted and _____ rose, many people turned to _____ and governments who promised success through military buildup and the conquest of territory.

5. Japanese Expansionism

- In 1931 Japan invaded Manchuria for _____.

- Began to expand and get involved in wars with Russia and China.

6. Anti- Communism

- Under communism, all means of _____ are controlled by the government, as are _____, the _____, and all other aspects of _____.
- _____ exploited people's fear of a _____ takeover in Germany to rise to power in 1933.

7. Appeasement

- _____ is the act of giving in to an enemy's _____ in hopes of avoiding further _____.
Ex. Czechoslovakia –

8. Militarism

- The _____ of war, in which a nation strengthens its _____ and stockpiles _____ in preparation for war.
- This glorification of war is included in all levels of society including education.

9. Nationalism

- Nationalism is the belief in the _____ of one's own nation over all others.
- _____, _____, and Japan's _____ each touted their nation's ability to dominate all others in the years leading up to WWII.