

## **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.