

Germany, Italy, and Japan's quests for Empires

THE ROAD TO WWII

GERMANY

- **1933:** Germany builds up military
 - Violates Treaty of Versailles
- **1934:** Signs 10-yr. non-aggression pact with Poland
- **1936:** Puts military on shared border with France
- **1936:** Supports Franco in Spanish Civil War
- **1936:** Signs pacts with Italy and Japan



GERMANY (CONT.)

- **1938:** Adds (Annexes) Austria (Anschluss), Sudetenland, and Czechoslovakia
 - Believes Germans need more "lebensraum" = "living space"
- **Aug 1939:** Nazi-Soviet Pact
 - Hitler didn't want to fight a war on 2 fronts (like in WWI)
 - USSR agrees not to fight Germany in exchange for land
- **Sept 1939:** Invades Poland = WW₂ BEGINS!!!



Pair-Share

- Turn to a partner and discuss the following questions. Write down your answer on your Cornell Notes under “**Pair-Share #1**”
- What are 3 actions Hitler takes that can be seen as preparation for war? Why can they be seen that way?

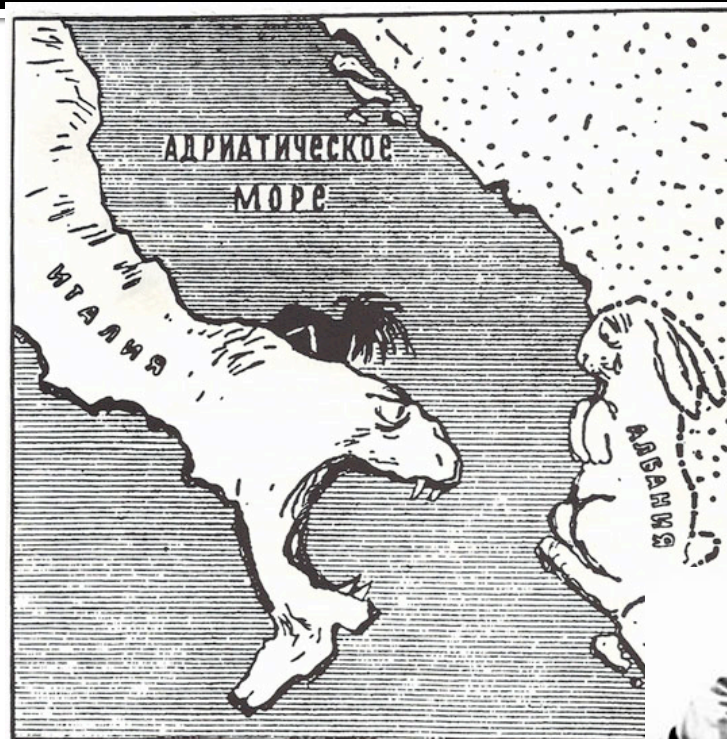
ITALY

- Italy suffers from a weak gov. and economy after WWI
- **1919-1923**: Mussolini organizes Italy into a Fascist state
- **1926**: Negotiates for territory in Somaliland, Libya
- **1935**: Invades Ethiopia
 - Violates League of Nation; nothing happens to Italy



ITALY (CONT.)

- **April 1939:** Annexes Albania
- **May 1939:** "Pact of Steel" w/ GER
 - Had to give military support immediately if war broke out
- **1940:** Enters war alongside GER

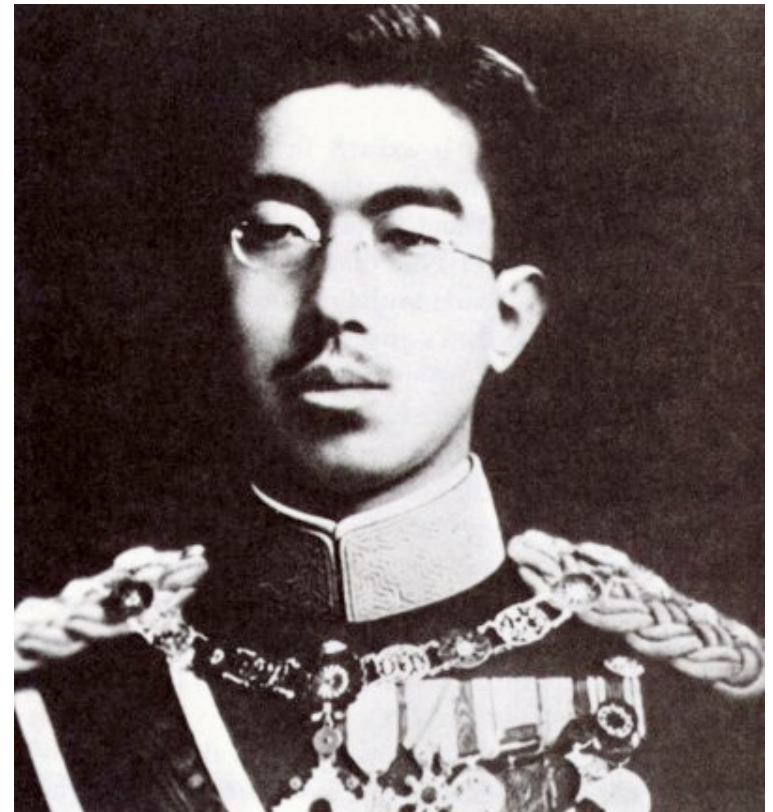


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- Turn to a partner and discuss the following questions. Write down your answer on your Cornell Notes under “**Pair-Share #2**”
- How are Mussolini’s actions similar to Hitler’s? How are they different?

JAPAN

- After WWI: Japan was seen as a world power
- **1929**: Great Depression hits Japan
 - Countries can't afford Japanese goods
- **1930's**: Emperor Hirohito increases nationalism, military
 - "Japanese fascism"



JAPAN (CONT.)

- **1931:** Japan invades China
- **1936:** Signs pact w/ GER
- **1937:** Further invasion of China
 - Rape of Nanking
- **1940:** Invades Vietnam & Indonesia
- **1941:** Attack on Pearl harbor

