

Chapter 31

Section 1: The Path to War

Japan in Asia

- needed to expand because of industry and nationalism
 - no natural resources
- take Manchuria
 - league demand Japan to give back to China
 - March 1933, Japan withdrew from League and nothing happens
 - first real sign of powerless
- take China in 1937
 - Japan wants oil of East Indies but need China and ports
 - Japan takes East and Southern areas and capital of Nanjing
 - "Rape of Nanjing" 200,000 Chinese killed
- Nationalist, communists, and Japan fought for China from 1937-1945

Italy in Africa

- Italy takes cue from Japan
- want to add Ethiopia as a colony- Italy has Somaliland next to Ethiopia
 - 1934 both fight over disputed territory
 - Mussolini demands an apology and Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie ask league to make a ruling
 - league finds no one at fault
 - 1935, Italy invades Ethiopia and League impose sanctions
 - but sanctions not cover coal, iron, or oil
 - 1936, Ethiopia annexed by Italy

Spanish Civil War

- 1931- King Alfonso XIII abdicated because years of social economic problems
 - redistribute land from nobles to peasants
 - Catholic Church influence
 - right-wing (conservative) groups want to go back
- July 1936 army generals up rise in Spain Morocco- revolt spread
 - Spanish nationals led by Francisco Franco against Spanish Republicans (Loyalists)
 - Soviets directly supported Loyalists with supplies, volunteers from Britain, U.S. and France join
 - volunteers form Int. Brigade and fight against Fascism
- Germany want allies and help directly
 - needs natural resources from Spain
 - uses fighting to work on battle plans and hone "blitzkrieg" with condor legions
- Br-F-U.S. not want to join in directly because afraid of World War due to Germany, Italy, Russia
- 1938 Soviets stop aid by March 1939, France takes Madrid
 - Civil war ends and France becomes fascist
 - Spain neutral and not ally with Italy or Germany but provide support

Hitler on the Defensive

- Rhineland buffer zone since 1919- no German troops allowed
 - Hitler test League in 1936 and send troops with orders to retreat if opposed
 - Britain and France not act because not want war

- Hitler and Mussolini in 1936 form Rome-Berlin Axis where world revolved around them
- Axis Powers joined later by Japan because economy embargo placed on them
 - all sign the Comintern Act as an alliance against communism
 - Stalin fear and urge W. to unite against Axis
 - W. did not want war and refused

-Austria

- Hitler wanted to unite German speaking people- Pan-Germanic again
- 1934 Hitler moves troops to Austria but Italy mobilize against
 - by '36 both allies and '38 Hitler moves again
 - under threat of invasion made Austrian chancellor appoint Nazis to power
 - Austria and Nazis leaders ask Germany to annex them for stability
 - W. not want war so they do nothing
- Czechoslovakia created after WWI as part of Aust. empire
 - several million ethnic Germans in N.W. and want to unite Germany and Austria
- September 12, 1938, Hitler demand Sudetenland in N.W. given self-determination
- Czech declare martial law
- Br. prime minister Neville Chamberlain visit Hitler to diffuse
 - set up Munich Conference on 9/29/38
 - Germany, France, Italy and Britain, not Czech or Russia
 - German control of Sudetenland if respect Czech sovereign
 - Germany not take anyone's territory
 - settle disputes with peaceful negotiation
 - all agree including Czech
 - Chamberlain trust Hitler
 - "Peace in our Time"
- march 1939 Hitler takes W. Czech and set puppet gov. in E. Czech

The Coming of War

- Hitler force Lithuania give up Germany speaking country of Memel
- Hitler pressure Poland give up part of Danzig and Polish corridor
 - corridor separate German region of E. Prussia from Germany
 - Poland ask Br. and Fr. for support and is given- Poland refused Hitler's demands
- Soviets
 - Br. and Fr.
 - Stalin asked for support years earlier and did not get it
 - believed Br. and Fr. want Soviet (Com) and Germany (Fas) destroy each other
 - was true because not decide who was worse

Gr.

- Stalin knew Hitler expand into Ru. at some point because of resources
- August 23, 1939 sign Nazis-Soviet No Aggression Pact
 - never attack each other
- stay neutral if either attacked
- both create spheres of influence in E. Europe
 - Gr. take W. Poland and Ru E. Poland
 - also Soviets take Finland, Romania, Baltic Region
- both enemies but wanted security and prepare for later war
- Hitler now have one front war and time
- Hitler believes that Br. and fr. do nothing if Poland attacks
 - 9/1/39 Hitler invades Poland

-two days later, Br. and fr. declare war

Section 2 War In Europe

- blitzkrieg- lightning war, "shock and awe"
 - air force-armor-infantry
- Germany invade quickly and Br. and fr. unable to help in time
 - Russia moved and occupied E. 1/2 of Poland and invades Finland
- Hitler solidifies the East
 - winter and spring 39-40, nothing in W.
 - Br. mine waters of Norway to keep Russia out
 - Hitler says Br. going to invade and force Norway and Denmark to be occupied
 - Denmark accept, Norway did not
 - 4/9/40, Germany invade Norway, take in a day
 - secured easy access to N. sea
 - P.M. Chamberlain lose support and steps down
 - May 10 King George VI put Churchill as P.M.

-Hitler moves on the west

- May 10 begin pre-dawn invasion- paratroops into Netherlands and secure dikes
 - into Belgium and Ardennes- hilly and swampy 50 miles, gap in maginot
 - Br. and fr. and other allies cut off in N. at Dunkirk 300,000
 - massive sea rescue using any boat over 9 days

Hitler ordered half of advance and let them escape

- had hoped Br. sue for peacetime and become ally
- June 14 Germany take Paris and France signs an armistice
 - signed in same rail car that Germany had signed armistice in 1918
- Germany occupy N. Fr. and set up puppet Vichy gov.
 - Vichy capital and headed by Fr. Henri Petain
 - collaborated with Germany
 - France resistance begins in both France

-Battle of Britain

- Britain cut off without Allies
- faced sea and air war to weaken for peace or invasion
 - Luftwaffe begin blitz nightly
 - mostly terror bombing and not strategic
 - wolf-packs sink Br. transports
 - Br. not yield and begins war "attrition"

U.S. help

- want to stay neutral and 1937 pass Neutrality Act-no arms or loans to be belligerents
- FDR feel Germany threaten U.S. security and promote Br. Plight
- cash and carry policy
 - Britain pay cash for war and food supplies
 - no risk to U.S because no loan-credit and Br. ships used
- lend lease
 - Britain treasury drained and unable to buy supplies
 - lend lease approved by Congress
 - President lend war supplies to any country vital to U.S/ National security
- August 9. 1941- FDR and Churchill meet

- join declaration- Atlantic Charter
- freedom of trade and right of people choose their own gov.
- final destruction of Nazis territory

Section 3 Global Conflict

End of section 2- E.Europe and Africa

- Africa
 - Mussolini wanted Africa since Hitler took Europe
 - June 10, 1940 declare war on fr. and Br.
 - Br. (Egypt) attack, Italy (Libya) and Br. win along Libya
 - Churchill divert troops to E. Europe because
 - Hitler take Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, Yugo
 - force 2nd "Dunkirk" in April '41
 - Erwin Rommel sent with troops to receive Italy
 - within a month (end of April) Br. Out of Libya but not Tobruk
- Invasion Soviet Union
 - June 22, '41 Operation Bararossa
 - Br. warn and Germany troops build up- Stalin not believe, did not mobilize
 - Ru. begin scorched-earth-policy
 - also order troops no surrender or retreat/ poor equipment
 - family imprisoned
 - November of '41, Germany 600 miles into Ru., take Kiev, Leningrad and Stalingrad siege
 - Moscow outskirts

Nazis Holocaust

- Hitler plans to exterminate undesirables: Jews, slavs, sick
- seized property- public and private
- sent population to controlled ghettos, worked at factories but too much freedom, horrible living
- '42 begin final solution with Holocaust
- early in the 30's Jews wore I.D. register
- factories to exterminate and work to death
- SS move through newly conquered land and kill/ relocate to camps
- experiments carried out like in Japan
 - most population unaware
 - Jews unable to unite because indoctrination of Nazism
 - Anti-Semitic Europeans
 - Pro-Nazis gov., France, Italy, Hungary, Czech, Spain not offer help
 - Nazis and SS keep tight control of info

Japan Expansion

- Br. and Fr. and Dutch unable to protect colonies in Indo-China
- move troops , supplies and equipment to Europe
- Japan invades throughout , Indo-China and liberates population
- U.S. only able to address
 - Places embargo on oil and scrap iron
 - force Japan to plan attack
 - sign Tripartite Pact with Hitler and Mussolini
 - cooperate if one attacked; economic and technology
- Japan attack on U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearly Harbor 2,400 killed
- U.S. Not believe Japan able to attack and believed Phil. to be 1st
- Japan Supreme Naval Admiral Yamamoto order planning

- Jap. modifying torpedoes due to shallow water- Brit. did same against Italy
- complete surprise but no aircraft carriers present
 - "good" thing for U.S. because fleet outdated
- Japan hope shock U.S. into peace because Japan has only a 6 month supply
 - Roosevelt asked Congress for declaration of war Dec 8
 - Germany and Italy declare war on U.S./ Brit. declare war on Japan

Section 4 Turning Points

- early '42 Japan controls most of Pacific and Indochina/ Germany has Europe and N. Africa and winning in Ru.
- late '42 tide begins to turn
 - Battle of Atlantic
 - Germany winning with wolf packs and surface ships, air patrols
- Allies use convoy system, radar and sonar, to begin bombing against Germany
 - Germany lose major battle ships "Grafe Spee" Argentina, Bismarck, and France
- Stalingrad in '42 p. 845
 - Stalin kept asking Churchill for 2nd front and not getting one
 - July Germany attack Stalingrad
 - major blow for moral because name?
 - major city in S. Ru. and beyond is oil
 - Germany and Ru. ordered no retreat or surrender
 - waste on both sides
 - winter and Russia counter attack and force Germany surrender in February '43
- Germany lose much equipment and 180,000 dead and captured
- Desert war
 - Africa Korps control all N. Africa and half of Egypt Spring '42
 - Br. General Montgomery arrive in July '42 ad begin counterattack
 - Germany major defeat El Alamein and continue to Tripoli by Jan '43
 - American allies land Vichy and N. Africa (Morocco) and meet resistance
 - deal struck Eisenhower and Admiral Francois Darlan
 - with Admiral because if rejected then expendable
 - Darlan put in charge as reward
 - Germany losing and Hitler recalls Rommel for defense in half of Europe
 - May '43 Germany surrendered
- Italy
 - with Africa free- all Allies take weakest axis Power
 - Eisenhower invade Sicily in '43, July
 - Sicily falls and King Emmanuel III fires Mussolini
 - anti-Fascist factions threaten rev, if not.
 - 9/3/43 sign surrender
 - Germany taken surprise
 - occupied Rome by Sept. 5, 1943
 - paratroopers rescue Mussolini who is under house arrest
 - pilled troops from Euro and E. to defend
 - wage "defensive war" and slow Allies advance
 - Monte Cassino destroyed after Pope's OK
 - June 4, '44, Allies enter Rome

-Germany keep fighting until war ends

-Pacific

- Jp viewed as liberators at first but soon change
- May allies win coral sea -June Midway
 - ↳ Midway 1st naval battle where ships not see other
 - ↳ After midway Jp on defensive
- U.S. begin island hopping campaign w/ Guadalcanal
 - ↳ MacArthur land to Nimitz sea
 - ↳ By pass non-important islands to pick ones for airbases.
- late 43 Jp evoke Kamikazes
 - ↳ Boats-Planes-Subs-Individuals
 - ↳ Jp not surrender
 - ↳ Dug in on islands burnt out.

Sec 5 Allied Victories

- Operation Overlord - Invasion of Europe (Patton and Fantom army)
 - D day (Day of attack) June 6, at Normandy
 - ↳ 176,00 troops-600 ships-10,000 aircraft & gliders
 - ↳ Early Am paratroopers begin also bombers/battleships/resistance
 - ↳ Normandy “heavily” fortified but not many troops
 - ↳ Most in reserve and stationed north
 - ↳ Complete surprise for Gr.
 - ↳ Heavy fighting & allies almost retreat but commitment to high.
 - Patton allowed w/3rd army to avance across Fr. But outpace fuel to slow down.
 - Aug 25, 44 Fr. Troops allowed enter Paris first
 - Soviets pushing Gr back already take most E Europe toward Berlin to
 - Hitler still believe war could be won.
 - Dec 44 Gr attack allies on W. front in Ardens
 - ↳ Snowstorm to worst weather to attack - on purpose b/c o planes
 - ↳ Allies supply over extended and taken by surprise
 - ↳ Gr. use last good reserves for final push
 - ↳ Weather broke & allies able to useairforce
 - ↳ Mar 45 allies break Gr to cross Rhine
 - ↳ Gr. Begin mobilize Hitler youth and old for soldiers.

- Wonder weapons

- ↳ V1 & V2 guided missile verner Van Braun
- ↳ Me262 world 1st operational jet fighter
- ↳ 1st assault rifle cheap to make
- ↳ Spear of Destiny tried to get
- ↳ Flying wing & others - bomber to reach U.S.

Fall of Gr.

- Ru allowed take Berlin b/c had highest loss
 - ↳ Allies ordered stop at Elbe
 - ↳ Hitler & some staff in bunker underground
 - ↳ Some killself and family - Hitler & Eva shot & some surrender
- May 7 Gr. Surrendered & May 8th V- E day

-Yalta and Potsdam

- Yalta conference Feb 45 Black Sea
 - ↳ Roosevelt - Churchill - Stalin
 - ↳ Discuss postwar about forming U.N.
 - ↳ To divide Gr. Into districts

↳ Ru to declare war on Jp in exchange get some islands

-Potsdam Gr.

↳ Truman - Clement Attlee - Stalin

↳ Demand Jp surrender

↳ Tension rise w/ allies over war end

- Victory Over Jp.

- Jp territory shrinking

↳ 44 Philippines taken - 45 Iwo Jima & Okinawa

↳ Br. & Aust. Retake much Indo-China

- Jp not surrender

↳ Civilian pop. Mobilized w/bamboo poles- women & children

↳ Would die rather than surrender

↳ Part tradition - part propaganda

↳ Invasion plan drawn up w/est. 2,000,000 allied casualties

↳ Bio & Chem to be used as defense also

↳ Truman authorize Atomic bombs

↳ Aug 6, 45 Hiroshima Aug 9, 45 Nagasaki

↳ 200,000 die quickly w/more later b/c radiation

↳ Aug 14,45 Jp surrender & Sept 2, 45 V-J day

- Effects of the War

- 55 million die total

↳ Ru 22 mil./Gr. 8 mil/ Jp. 2mil/US 300,000

- trials at Nuremberg & also Jp. & It.