

Aggression leading up to WWII

Japan Invaded Manchuria in 1931 and most of Eastern China by 1938

Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis

1936



Japan captures
Shanghai Pass of the
Great Wall

Italy

- Mussolini invades Ethiopia in 1935 to seek revenge on Italian defeat in 1896



Germany

- Violated the Versailles treaty whenever possible – built up military, re-armed the Rhineland, invaded and annexed Austria 1936



Spain

- Brutal civil war – eventually Fascist leader Francisco Franco wins with help from Hitler and Italy (they tested military weapons on Spanish civilians ...over 500,000 killed)



Aggression in Europe and Africa September 1939





Invasion of Poland – WWII Begins

September 1, 1939

- Blitzkrieg Tactics – integration of tanks, air power and motorized infantry combined with **SPEED**
 - 1. heavy air and artillery bombardment
 - 2. conventional infantry flank attack with smoke screen to conceal gathering of tanks
 - 3. Tanks attack with support from motorized divisions
 - 4. The Stuka – precision bombing and frightening whine

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Blitzkrieg in action

The German Stuka

