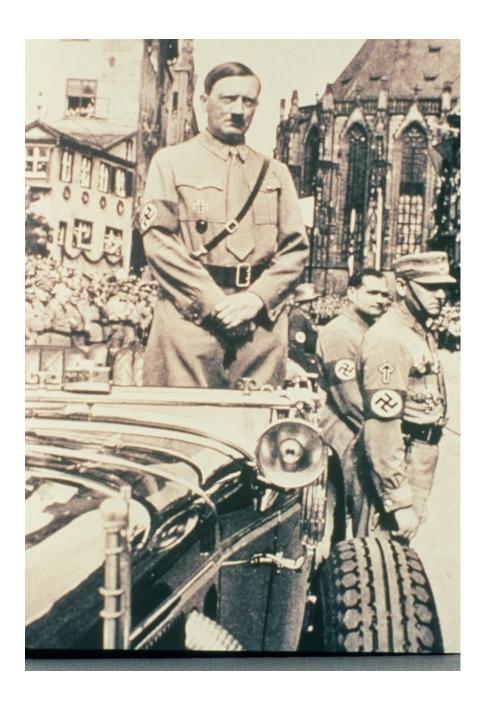
Predicting European Responses to WWII Events











 1938 The Czech Crisis began in March when Hitler demanded the return of the Sudetenland claiming the German people there were being mistreated. The Czech government consulted the allies and selfdetermination was offered. Hitler decided this was not enough and annexed the Sudetenland.

- A. Unconditionally supported Germany's demands
- B. Proclaimed neutrality (not supporting either side)
- C. Negotiated an agreement with Hitler that allowed Germany to take the Sudetenland if he promised to make no more demand on Czechoslovakia
- D. Opposed Germany's demands but did not threaten to declare war on Germany if it tried to take the Sudetenland
- E. Threatened to declare war on Germany if it tried to take the Sudetenland



- Britain: C negotiate—no more demands
- France: C negotiate—no more demands
- Soviet Union: D oppose government—not threaten war
- United States: B neutrality
- Poland: A support government
- Switzerland: B neutrality

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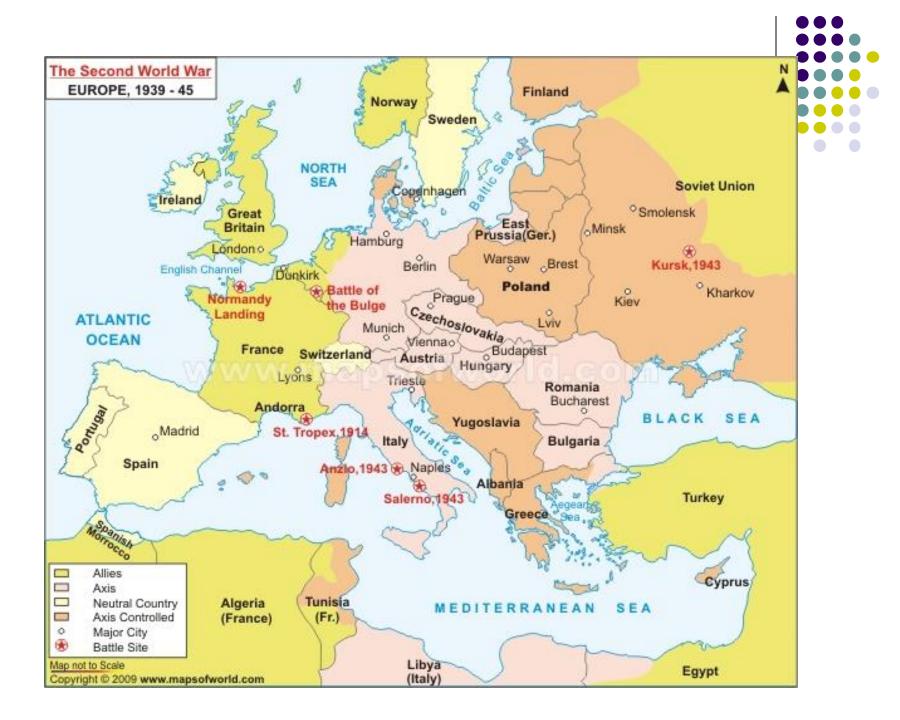




The Violation of the Munich Pact

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The Germans broke the Munich Pact and occupied Czechoslovakia.



Violation of the Munich Pact



- A. Supported Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia
- B. Declared war on Germany for breaking the Munich Pact
- C. Continued to rely on appeasement, hoping that Germany had finished its territorial aggression
- D. Attempted to negotiate with Germany to pull out of Czechoslovakia
- E. Proclaimed neutrality
- F. Proclaimed neutrality, but prepared for a defensive war in case of invasion

Violation of the Munich Pact



- Britain: C. hope government will be satisfied
- France: C. hope government will be satisfied
- Soviet Union: A. support annexation
- United States: E. neutrality only
- Poland: C. hope government will be satisfied
- Switzerland: F. neutrality—defensive war

- 1. _____ initiated talks with Germany, which culminated in the Munich Conference on Sept. 28, 1938.
- _____ joined Britain in negotiating the Sudetenland in exchange for no further demands of Czechoslovakian land by Germany.
- 3. _____ was strictly opposed to any extension of German territory but didn't believe their army was ready to fight Germany so they didn't not get involved with solving the crisis.
- 4. _____ adopted an isolationist foreign policy after WWI because it did not want to fight another European power so they did not become involved.
- 5. _____ supported Germany in the crisis because they wanted not anger Germany..
- 6. _____ remained neutral.

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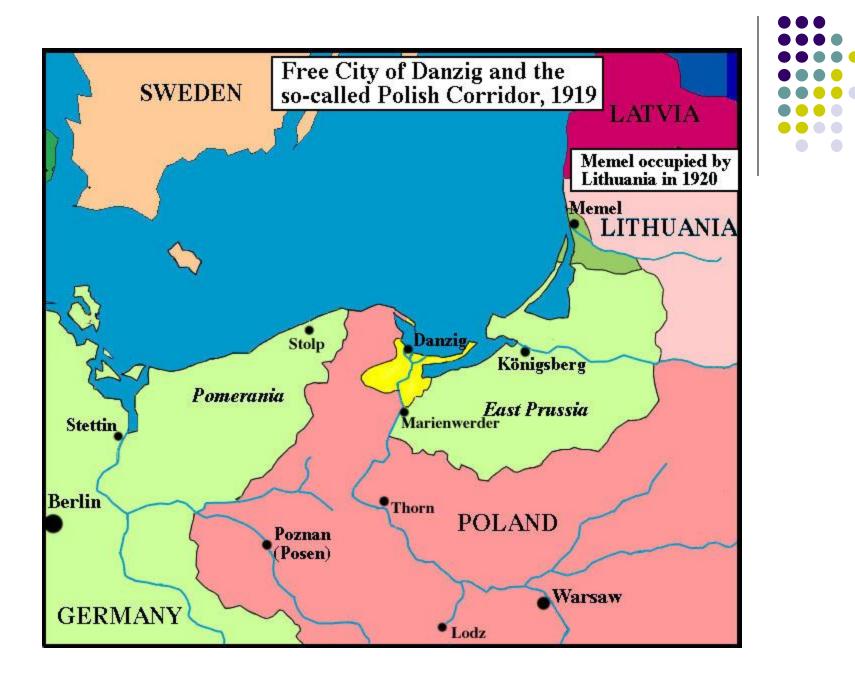
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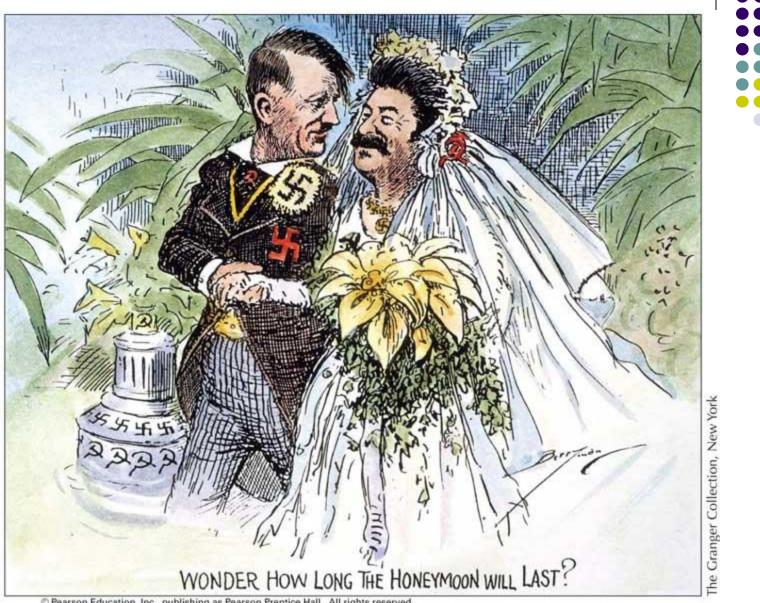
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- ____maintained its neutrality, choosing to stay out of the conflicts.
- watched in horror as Germany was allowed to occupy Czech without any opposition but did nothing.
- 3. _____ changed its foreign policy because of the failure of the Munich Pact and their desire to stay out of a war.
- 4. _____ choose to appease Hitler.
- 5. _____ choose to appease Hitler.
- 6. _____ maintained neutral but was worried about invasion.









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- 1939 Germany Invades Poland -(9/1/39) The German-Polish Crisis began in March, when the German government demanded the return of land given to Poland after WWI. The Poles refused, and the French and British pledged to aid the Poles if attacked. Hitler and Stalin signed a Non-Aggression Pact, pledging not to attach one another in the case of war.
- German invaded Poland.



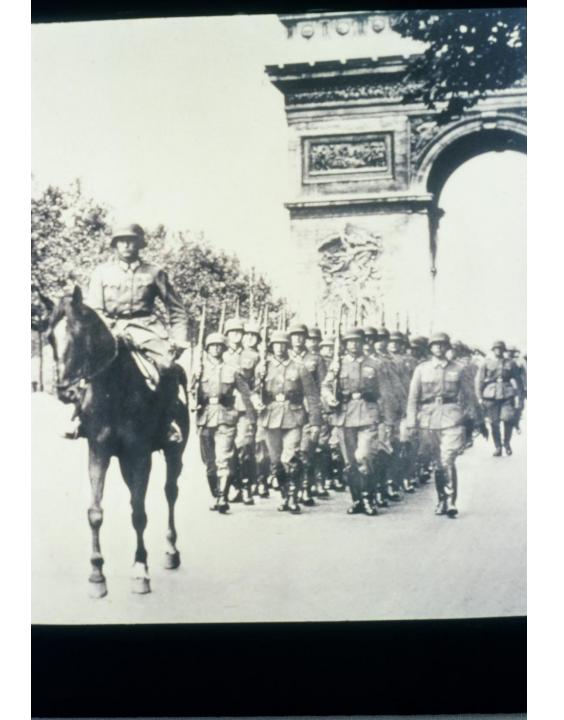
- A. Proclaimed neutrality
- B. Proclaimed neutrality, but prepared for a defensive war in of invasion
- C. Provided financial aid to the Allies (all countries fighting against Germany and its allies, call the Axis powers)
- D. Joined Germany in its invasion of Poland
- E. Declared war on Germany, and hoped Germany would retreat from Poland, but did not actually fight
- F. Declared war on Germany and sent troops to fight the Germans

- Britain: E. war—hope government will retreat; not fight
- France: E. war—hope government will retreat; not fight
- Soviet Union: D. join in invasion
- United States: A. neutrality
- Poland: F. war—send troops
- Switzerland: B. neutrality—defend themselves





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- A. Surrendered unconditionally to Germany
- B. Surrendered on the condition that your government retained limited independence and control of some of your territory
- C. Proclaimed neutrality
- D. Proclaimed neutrality, but prepared defenses in case the war spread to your country
- E. Fought Germany where possible
- F. Supported Germany's invasion of France



- Britain: E. fought government wherever possible
- Vichy France: B. & E. surrender and fought
- Soviet Union: F. support government
- United States: C. neutrality
- Poland: E. fought
- Switzerland: D. neutrality—defense



- France surrendered on June 22, 1940. Vichy France became the puppet government and Free France continued to fight.
- 2. Britain removed its troops from France off the beaches of Dunkirk .
- 3. Poland attempted to fight Germans after being partitioned by Germany and the Soviet Union.
- 4. Soviet Union supported the invasion but did not participate in it.
- 5. Switzerland maintained neutrality.
- 6. U.S. maintained neutrality but sent supplies.



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Battle of Britain



- A. Surrendered to Germany
- B. Fought against Germany's attack on Britain
- C. Supported Germany's attack on Britain
- D. Proclaimed neutrality
- E. Proclaimed neutrality, but supported Britain with military supplies and money
- F. Proclaimed neutrality, but prepared defenses is case the war spread to your country

Battle of Britain

- Britain: B. fought
- Vichy France: C. support/fought
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- United States: E. neutrality with money support
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Battle of Britain



- 1. France partly supported Nazis in the battle but some contributed to the defense.
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The Invasion of the Soviet Union



JUNE 22nd 1941 German Forces Invade Russia in Operation Barbarossa

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- 3. Soviets forced Germany to retreat with help from winter.
- 4. United States sent support to Allies and in December 1941 joined the Allies.
- 5. Switzerland remained neutral.
- 6. Poland remained under German control.



- A. Supported Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union
- B. Fought against the German invasion of the Soviet Union
- C. Proclaimed neutrality
- D. Supported the Soviets by sending supplies and materials but not troops
- E. Surrendered to Germany
- F. Opposed Germany's invasion by fighting Germans elsewhere

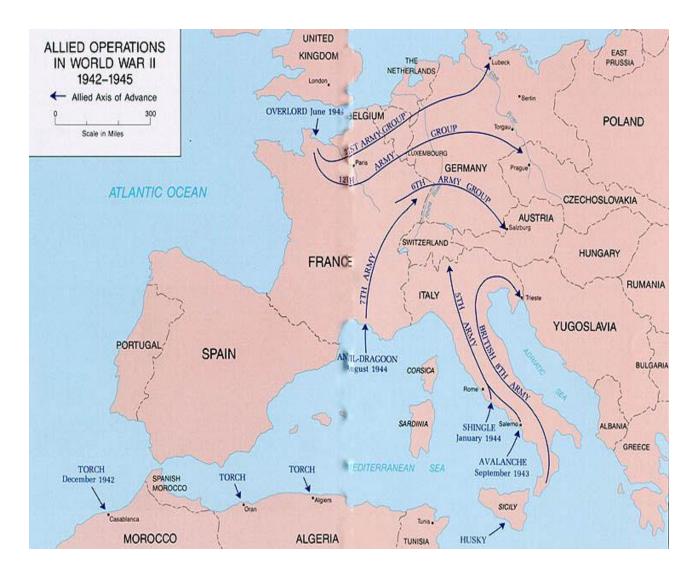


- Britain: D. supplies to USSR
- Vichy France: A. (Vichy France)/ F. (Free France) support government/ fight elsewhere
- USSR: B. fight
- United States: D. supplies to USSR
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- A. Participated fully in an invasion of the Normandy coast
- B. Supported the Allies by sending some troops and supplies to Operation Overlord
- C. Did not participate in Operation Overlord, but fought the Germans elsewhere
- D. Provided financial support only to the Allies
- E. Proclaimed neutrality
- F. Proclaimed neutrality, but secretly assisted the Allies



- Britain: A. participated fully in Operation Overlord
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The Invasion of Poland



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- 2. _____ supported the invasion of Poland.
- declared war on Germany September 3, 1939 but did not instigate any fighting.
- 4. _____ announced itself Neutral.
- 5. _____ fought for three weeks then surrendered.
- 6. _____ remained neutral but mobilized troops.

The Invasion of France



- 1. _____ surrendered on June 22, 1940.
- 2. _____ removed its troops from France.
- 3. _____ attempted to fight Germans after being partitioned by Germany and the Soviet Union.
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