Europe Erupts in War  
Chapter 13 Section 2

Hitler and Appeasement

- **Appeasement**: giving Hitler what he wanted.
- **Winston Churchill** criticized Chamberlain for appeasing Hitler.
- Hitler attacks and takes the rest of **Czechoslovakia**.
- Hitler then makes an ally with Italy, and a non-aggression pact with Russia. **No two-front war**.
- Hitler then attacks **Poland**.
- **Blitzkrieg**: lightening fast war, featured fast vehicles and air attack.

Essential Questions

1) What was appeasement and did appeasement work on Hitler?
2) Why was the pact that Hitler made with Russia so important to Germany?
Hitler moves West

- The **Allies**: France and England
- **Belgium and France** fall quickly to Blitzkrieg.
- France and England decided to wait for Germany to attack them
- France put its main forces along the **Maginot Line** on the French-German border.
- Germany surprised France and went through the **thick Ardennes Forest** in Northern France and Belgium.

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France and Britain

- **Vichy France**: The new French government that cooperated with Germany
- **Charles de Gaulle**: Led French resistance to Vichy France
- England was all that was left. **Churchill** refused to negotiate with Hitler
- **Luftwaffe**: German air force: Prepared for the invasion of England by bombing London
- The goal was to terrorize the people of England
- Churchill kept his people strong with inspirational speeches
- **RAF**: English Royal Air Force used radar to inflict heavy damages on the Luftwaffe
- Americans followed the London bombings on radio.
- By 1940 Germany gave in and suspended the invasion.

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**Essential Questions**

1. How did the French make a mistake with the Maginot Line?
2. What was Vichy France?
3. How did Germany intend to invade England?
4. Why was Winston Churchill so important to England?
Japan
- Japan had become a great imperialist power by 1937.
- They invaded China in 1937 with great brutality.
- By 1940, they signed a treaty with Italy and Germany and had become the Axis Powers.
- Japan later took French Indochina, which threatened the U.S.
- Tojo would become leader of Japan and not negotiate with the U.S. and push for war against them.

**Essential Questions**
1) Why did Japan go to war with China?
2) Who were the Axis powers, what did they have in common?
3) What impact did Tojo have on Japan-American relations?