The Causes of World War II

THE EVENTS THAT LED TO WAR

March 1936	Germany sends troops into the <u>Rhineland</u> (area on the French-German border) going against the treaty of Versailles. Britain and France do nothing.
March 1938	Germany joins with <u>Austria</u>, again against the treaty of Versailles. Britain and France do nothing.
September 1938	Hitler puts pressure on Czechoslovakia. Britain and France finally decide to get involved. A deal is made at <u>Munich</u>. • Hitler agrees not to take over any more land • Britain & France agree that Germany may take over part of Czechoslovakia
March 1939	Hitler ignores the deal he made at Munich, and takes over the rest of Czechoslovakia. Britain & France humiliated.
August 1939	To avoid the possibility of a war on two fronts, Hitler makes a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union. The <u>Nazi-Soviet Pact</u>.
September 1st 1939	Germany invades Poland
September 3rd 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany
April 1940	German troops invade Denmark and Norway
May 1940	Germany invades the Netherlands and France. German blitzkrieg (lightning-war) has enormous success. France taken over in 6 weeks!
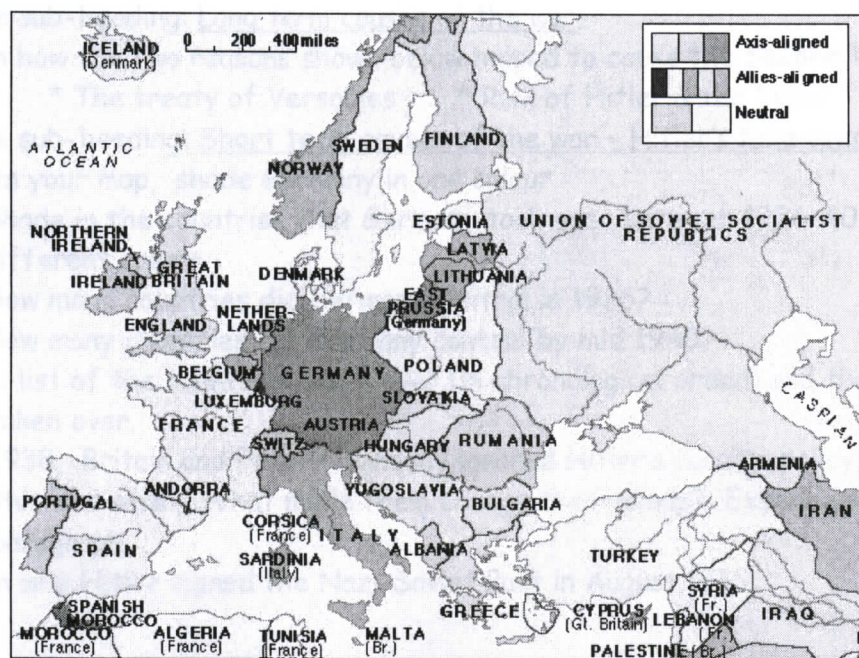
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