

F.3C Class presentation (History: The Second World War)

The Night Before the Storm

In 1919, at the end of World War I, Britain, France, and the US forced Germany to sign the Treaty of Versailles. The Treaty of Versailles was extremely harsh and unfair to Germany.

(US, Britain, France: you must accept this treaty!)

(German: There are many unacceptable conditions. We must give up territory, pay money, be disarmed and accept sole responsibility for this war even though we didn't start it. The treaty is unfair.)

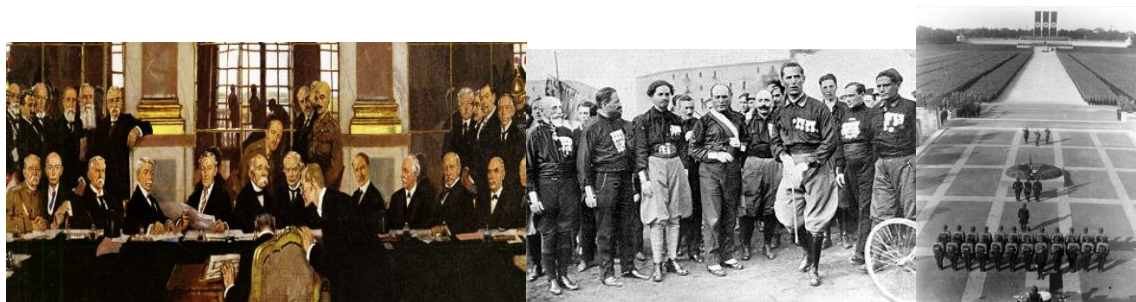
(US, Britain, France: Too bad! Shut up and sign!)

The Treaty of Versailles made the Germans feel humiliated. Italy was also unhappy with the Treaty of Versailles because it did not get land it had been promised. Eventually two leaders, Hitler and Mussolini, came to power in Germany and Italy and promised to take revenge and undo the Treaty of Versailles.

(Hitler: Let's build an army and take revenge on these countries!)

(Mussolini: Yes, we will become strong again and take what we want!)

(Hitler and Mussolini high-five.)



Meanwhile in Asia, Japan invaded China:



(Japanese: Come on guys! Let's take China!)

(A lot of Japanese soldiers go over the scenes)

In 1937, after the Lugouqiao Incident, Japan invaded from North East China into the south.

(Japan: We can take all of China in 3 months)

In 1938, Japan succeeded in taking the capital of China.

(Japan: OK, it took us five months, but we still did it.)

(China: I will resist to the end of the war)

China moved its capital to Chongqing

Meanwhile, back in Europe:



In 1940, Germany and Italy made an alliance with Japan. They called their alliance the Axis Powers. They warned the US to stay neutral or be attacked.

(Mussolini: This alliance is so cool! Together we will conquer the world!)

(Hilter: Sure, we are the greatest countries in the world! The British? They are clowns! Ha ha ha!)

(Japan: hahaha, Tomorrow Africa, Asia and Europe will become our colonies!!!!ha ha!!)

Italy, Germany, and Japan began expanding their territories.

(Italy: I now have North Africa, including Libya, Eritrea, Somalia, and Ethiopia. In Europe, I now have the Dodecanese Islands of Albania! Come on boys, let's get more!)

(Germany: I have Austria, Czechoslovakia and Lithuania! And I've signed a nonaggression pact with the Soviet Union so I can take Poland. I can't lose! This is so much fun!!)

However, after Germany attacked Poland in 1939, the UK and France declared war on Germany, launching World War II in Europe.

(German: How dare you, Britain and France?! I am just reclaiming territory where the Germanic people lived that was lost in the First World War. OK, I'll fight you too!)

The victory of the Axis at the beginning of the Second World War

Germany attacked France and on the same day invaded Denmark and Norway!

(Germany: Well, Denmark and Norway were not lost in the First World war, but I need to protect shipments of iron ore from Sweden, so I better invade them too!)

It then attacked the neutral "Low Countries" of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg that were near France.

(Germany: These neutral Low Countries could be used to attack us in the future, so I better invade those too!)

Italy helped Germany in France and on 14 June 1940, Paris fell to the German army.

(France: Hitler is in Paris! I can't believe we lost!)

(Germany: Believe it, Frenchie. It's true! Ha ha!)

After defeating France, Hitler made a very surprising decision.

(Germany: (Looking at map) Hmmm...I think I will invade the Soviet Union next. Those stupid Russians won't suspect an attack because we have a non-aggression pact. I have an invasion plan called "Operation Barbarossa". Let's party!!)

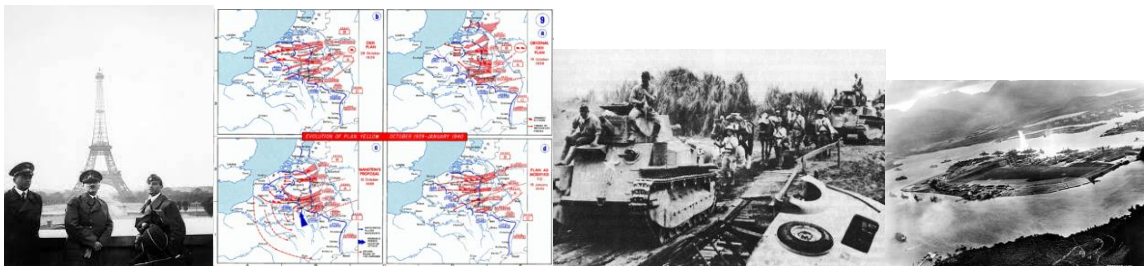
Meanwhile, back in Asia...

The Japanese navy attacked the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

(Japan: Ha ha! We have destroyed most of the US navy in the Pacific!),

(US: Japan attacked our naval base? We must fight back! We will join the war on the Axis powers.)

At first, Japan took the Philippines and Britain's and France's colonies in the Pacific War. Things went well for Japan until the Battle of Midway in 1942.



The Strike Back of Allied Powers

(Japan: Wait, we were winning. Why are we losing now? What happened!?)

In Europe shifted, after early success the Germans began losing to the Soviet Union.

(Germany: Wait, we were winning. Why are we losing now? What happened?!),

The US, Britain, France and the Soviet Union soon had Germany surrounded in Europe. Germany was pushed out of the countries it had invaded. In 1945, Germany surrendered after the Battle of Berlin.

(German people but not Hitler: OK, we surrender. Enough fighting!)

Also in 1945, the American “island hopping” campaign had reclaimed most of the islands that Japan had taken in the Pacific. It was now able to bomb Japan.

(US: You better surrender fast or you will be sorry! I have a surprise for you!)

In August 1945 the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan surrendered and World War II ended.



Ending/conclusion:

Hopefully, there won't be another World War and all the people enjoy peace and can live in harmony, regardless of races and colours.

(Thank you!)