

Pre-World War II and Appeasement (1930s)



Journal Activity

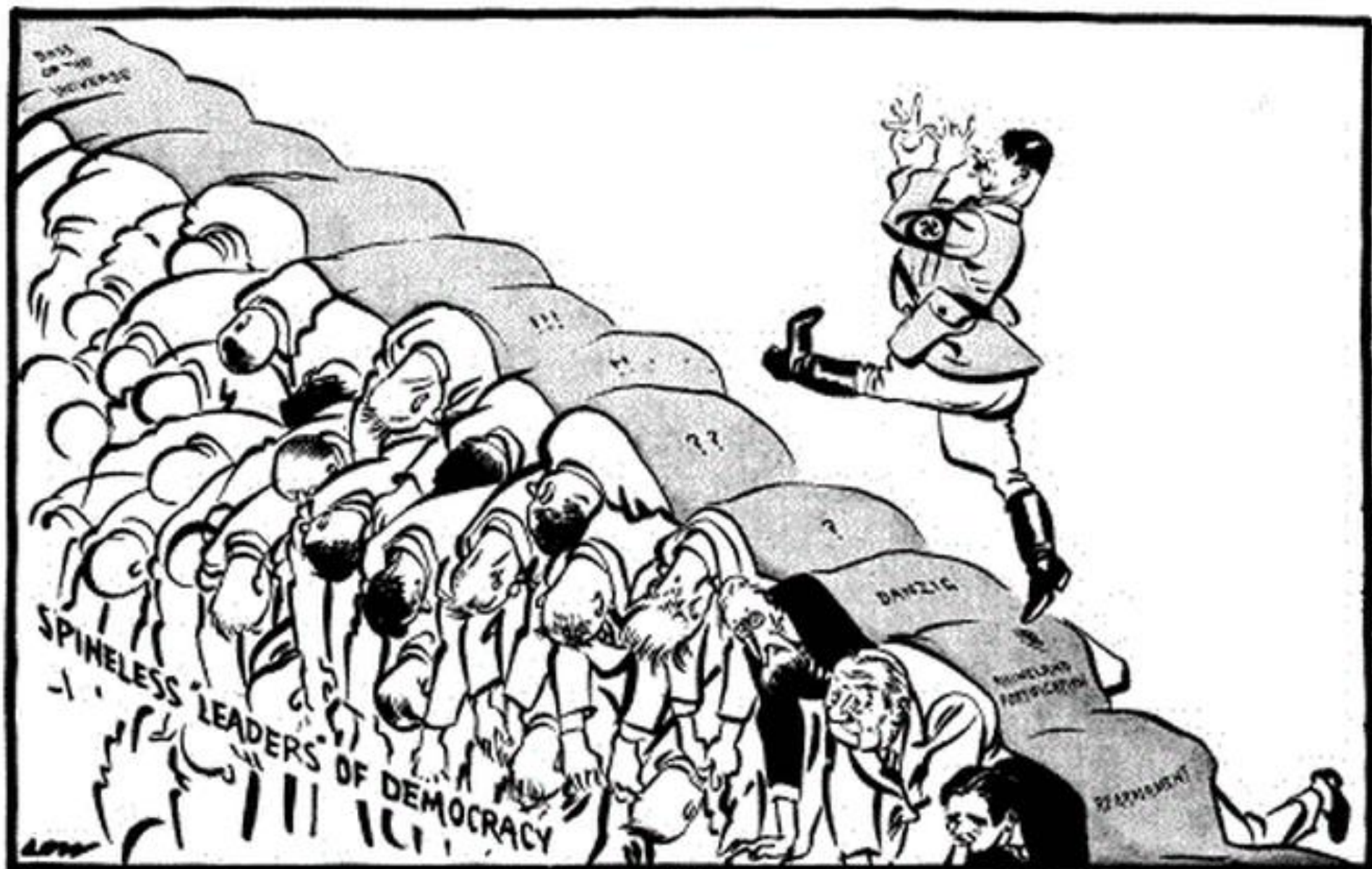


Describe the following political cartoon in a paragraph.

Use the following guiding questions to assist you:

- What do you observe (see/read)?
- What is the message?
- What is the artist's purpose?
- Who is the audience?

(For credit: At least five COMPLETE sentences with explanation)



STEPPING STONES TO GLORY.



The Great Depression

- **Started in the US in 1929 and spread globally, lasting into the late 1930s**

Income, revenue, profits, and prices dropped. Trade dropped by more than 50%

- Unemployment – 25% - 33% of population

Many saw democracy as ineffective in dealing with these issues.

- Many countries became **protectionist**





Fascist Appeal

Fascists promised:

- Revive the economy
- Punish those responsible for hard times
- Restore order and national pride
 - Nation as #1 priority



Capitalist countries are okay with is as long as they're not Communists/Socialists.

Empire of Japan



Rising power in Asia

- Few natural resources, need colonies
- Adopted some form of fascism
 - Militarism
- Aggressively expanded in Asia
 - **Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere**
 - Invaded Manchuria (part of China) in 1931
- League of Nations protested as Japan continued
 - Japan withdrew in 1933
- By 1937, Japan launched full-scale invasion of China









Italian and German Aggression in the 1930s

Both takes advantage of failure of League of Nation to prevent Japanese aggression and began building up their military and planned expansion

By 1936, Germany, Italy, and Japan enters an alliance, later known as **Axis Powers**

- 1935-1936
 - Mussolini invades Ethiopia with 500,000 soldiers
 - Used mustard gas (outlawed by international law, Geneva Protocol in 1925)
 - League of Nations failed to do anything
 - Showed even stronger weakness



Enterprise.

OCTOBER 4, 1935.

TEN PAGES

The Weather

Fair, calm tonight; Saturday
fair.

TWO CENTS

ITALIAN FORCES IN ANOTHER ATTACK

ETHIOPIA APPEALS TO THE LEAGUE

Selassie Believed to Be
Bidding for Sanctions
Against Italy.

GENEVA, Oct. 4 (AP)—Italy is
scrambling and she speedily proclaimed
threat to recognize an unwarmed Ethio-
pian. Emperor Selassie telegraphed
to the League of Nations today
through his foreign minister.

Emperor Selassie Announces Enemy
Moving on Ethiopia from Three Di-
rections — 200 Casualties on Each
Side in Attack on Ogaden.

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 4 (AP)—Emperor Selassie
today announced a clash between Italians and Ethio-
pians in Ogaden, thereby indicating the Italian forces
are trying to penetrate Ethiopia from three directions.
He said there had been 200 casualties on each side in
the Ogaden battle.

It was the first official statement of fighting in the
southeast sector. From the northern
legions were coming



German Rearmament

Treaty of Versailles reduced German military to 100,000 for defense, cannot have submarines, make military planes and tanks

- Secretly trained air force (Luftwaffe) and tank units in the Soviet Union

1933:

- Germany leaves League of Nations a few months after Japan and begins rebuilding the military
- Declares **Third Reich**
- Openly ignores Treaty of Versailles in 1935

1936:

- Hitler remilitarizes the Rhineland
 - Great Britain and France did nothing
 - Policy of **appeasement**





appeasement

Policy or action of pacifying,
satisfy, placate someone's
demands

Spanish Civil War (1936 — 1939)

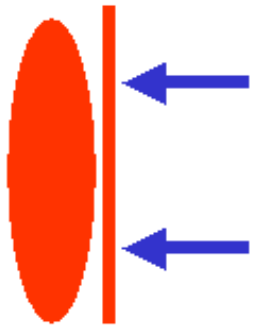
Fascists led by Francisco Franco, fought against the liberal and socialist (Republicans)

- Germany and Italy send soldiers to support
- Other countries remained neutral
- Germany used opportunity to test out new military tactics
 - **Blitzkrieg** (lightning warfare)

Francisco Franco won and ruled Spain until 1975



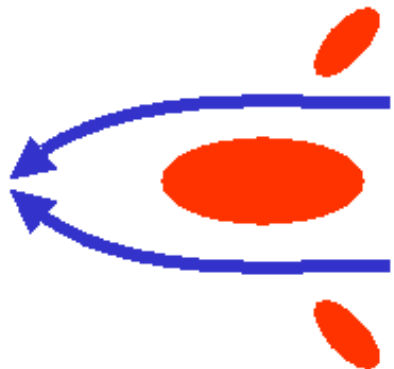
Blitzkrieg



**STEP 1:
ATTACK**



**STEP 2:
PENETRATE**



**STEP 3:
ENCIRCLE**



Guernica by Pablo Picasso



Further Nazi Expansion

Hitler desired “**Anschluss**,” union between Austria and Germany

- Many Austrians supported it
- Austria annexed (added) in March 1938

Hitler turned attention to Czechoslovakia

- New country created from Austro-Hungarian Empire after WWI; military alliance with France and Great Britain
- 3 million Germans lived in a region called Sudetenland
- Hitler demanded it in September 1938; Czechs asked France for help



Munich Conference (September 1938)

Mussolini proposed a meeting with Italy, Germany, France, and Great Britain

- Czechs were not invited

France and Great Britain gave Sudetenland to Germany in the Munich Pact

- Vital Czech defense region
- Czechs felt betrayed by allies

Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of Great Britain:

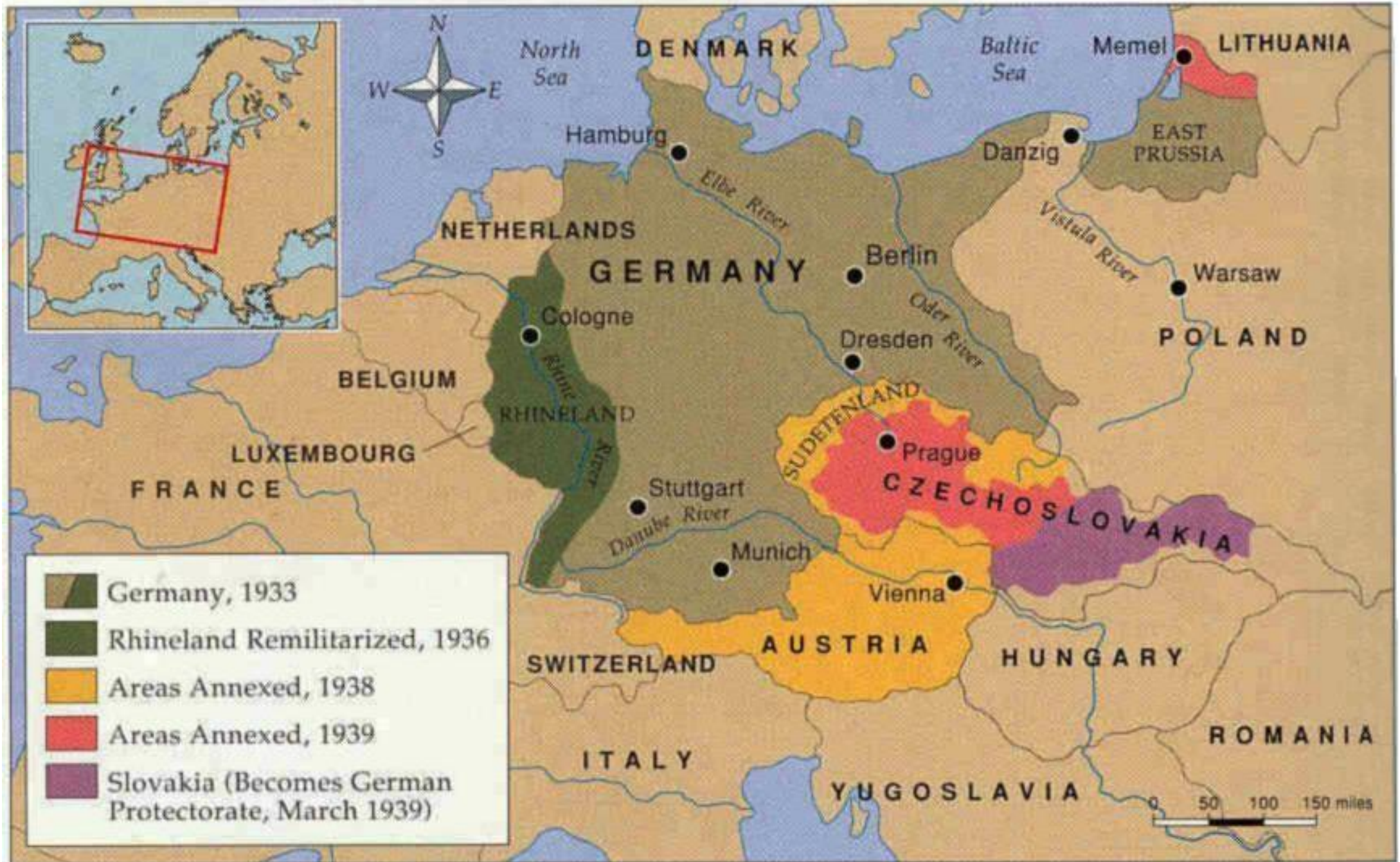
- “I believe it is **peace for our time.**”



[Neville Chamberlain returns from Germany with the Munich Agreement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SetNFqcayeA)

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Nazi Germany on the March, 1936-1939



Aftermath and Continued Appeasement

Six months later, Hitler annexes the rest of Czechoslovakia (March 1939)

- Czechs were not invited

Hitler demands return of German territory from Poland

- Britain and France agreed to protect Polish independence
- Hitler and Stalin signs nonaggression pact in August 1939
- Hitler invades Poland in September 1, 1939







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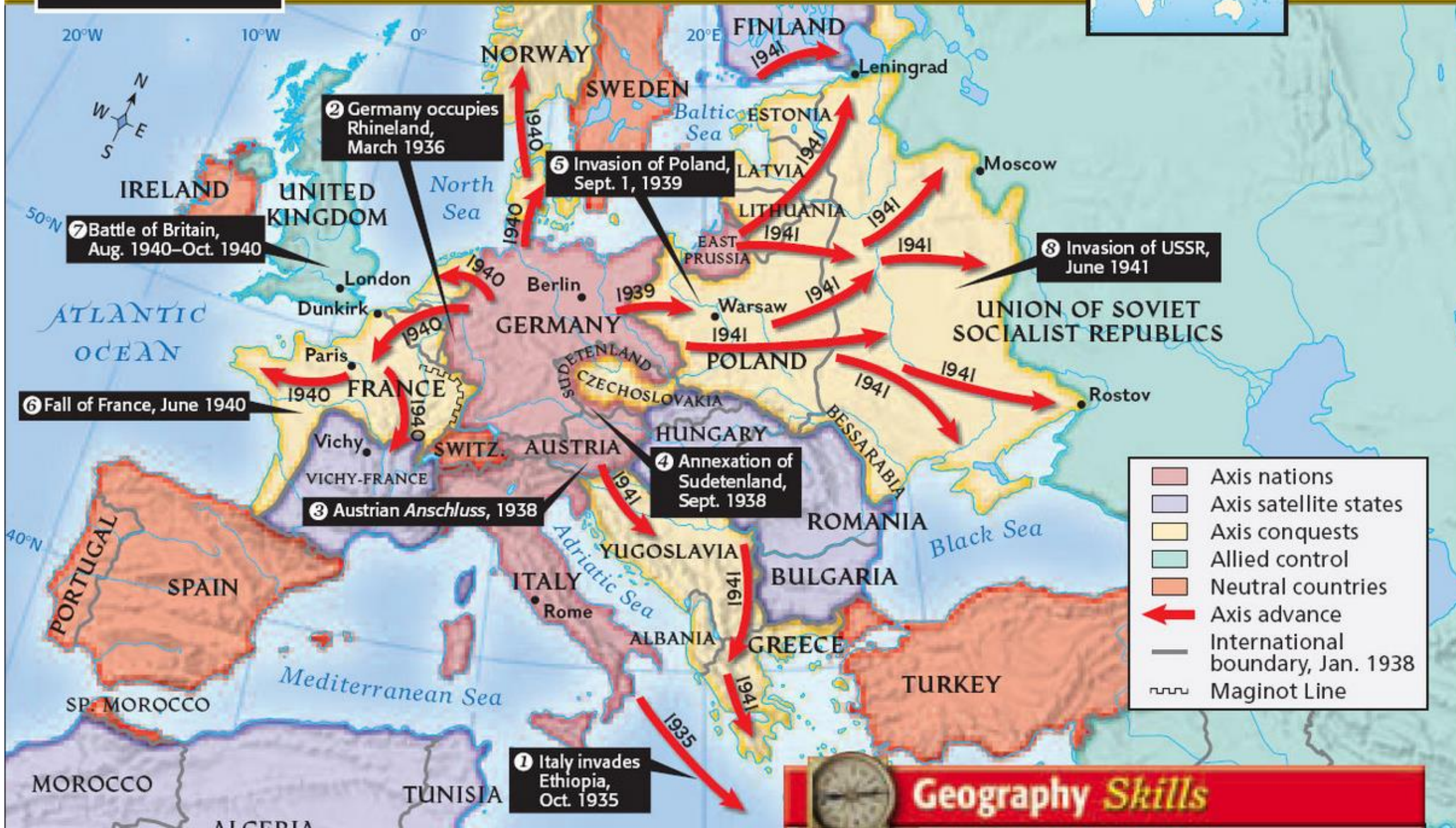
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WONDER HOW LONG THE HONEYMOON WILL LAST?

**France and Great Britain declares
war on September 3, 1939**

World War II in Europe begins

Axis Expansion, 1935–1941



Hitler and Eugenics

Hitler believed in creating the Master Race, the Aryan race

- pale skin, blond hair, blue eyes
- But really, German people
- No defects
- Weak People = Weak Nation

Began to selectively create Master Race through **eugenics**, a practice of “improving” genetics

- Birth defects, mental illnesses, physical disabilities, homosexuality, hereditary diseases
- “Life unworthy of life”



Hitler and Eugenics (cont.)

Hitler had programs to sterilize (prevent from reproducing) and exterminate “defective” people

- 400,000 sterilized by force
- 300,000 exterminated

Largely influenced by eugenic programs in the United States, especially in California

- Up to 31 states had compulsory sterilization laws
- Some eugenicists sent literature and information to Nazi Germany



This light flashes every 15 seconds

Every 15 seconds \$100 of your money goes for the care of persons with bad heredity such as the insane feeble-minded, criminals & other defectives

Some people are born to be a burden on the rest.

This light flashes every 16 seconds

Every 16 seconds a person is born in the United States.

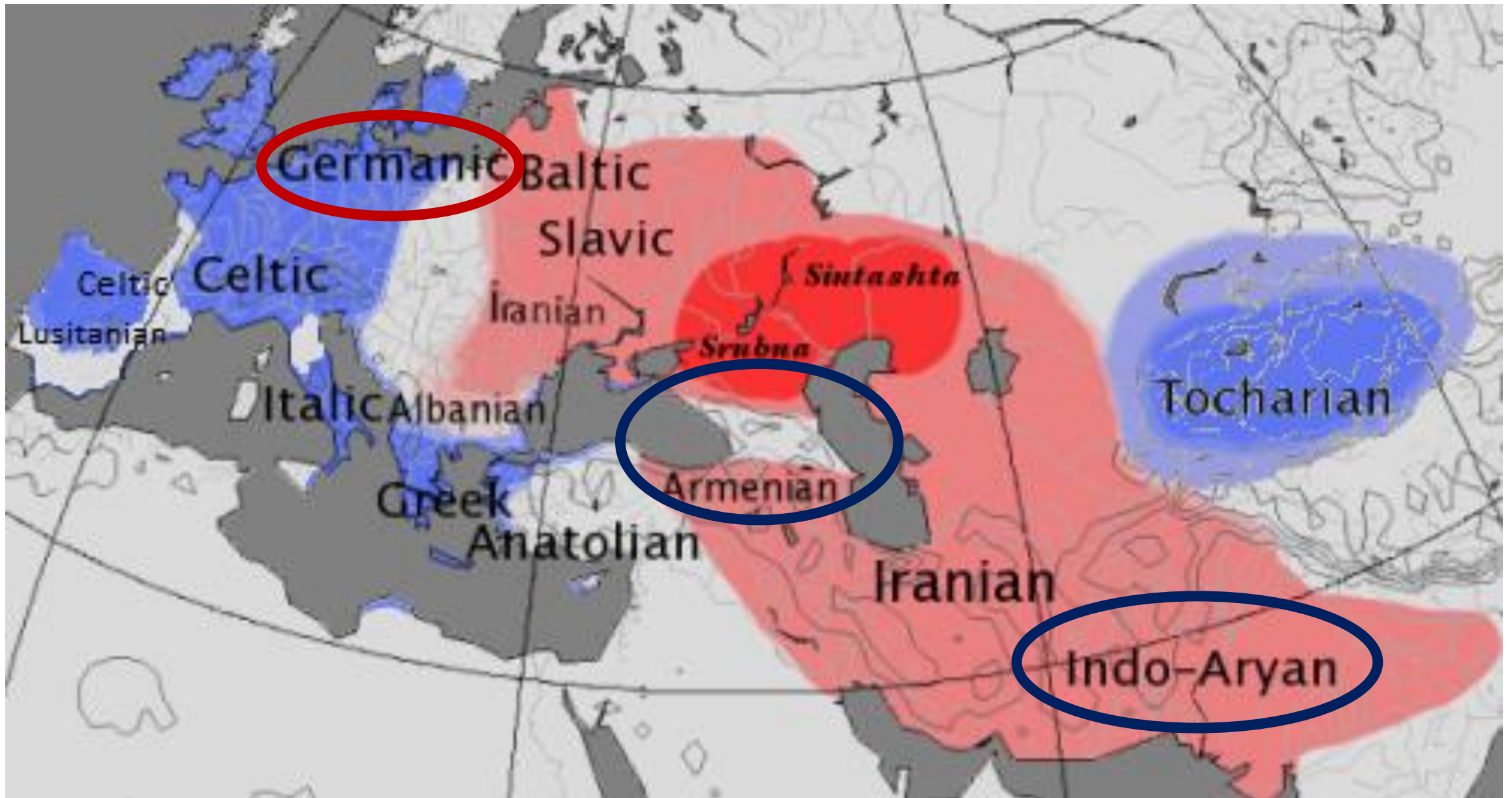


Fitter Families
CONTEST

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

This light flashes every 7½ minutes

Every 7½ minutes a high grade person is born in the United States will will have ability to do creative work & be fit for leadership. About 4% of all Americans come within this class



Hitler and Jews

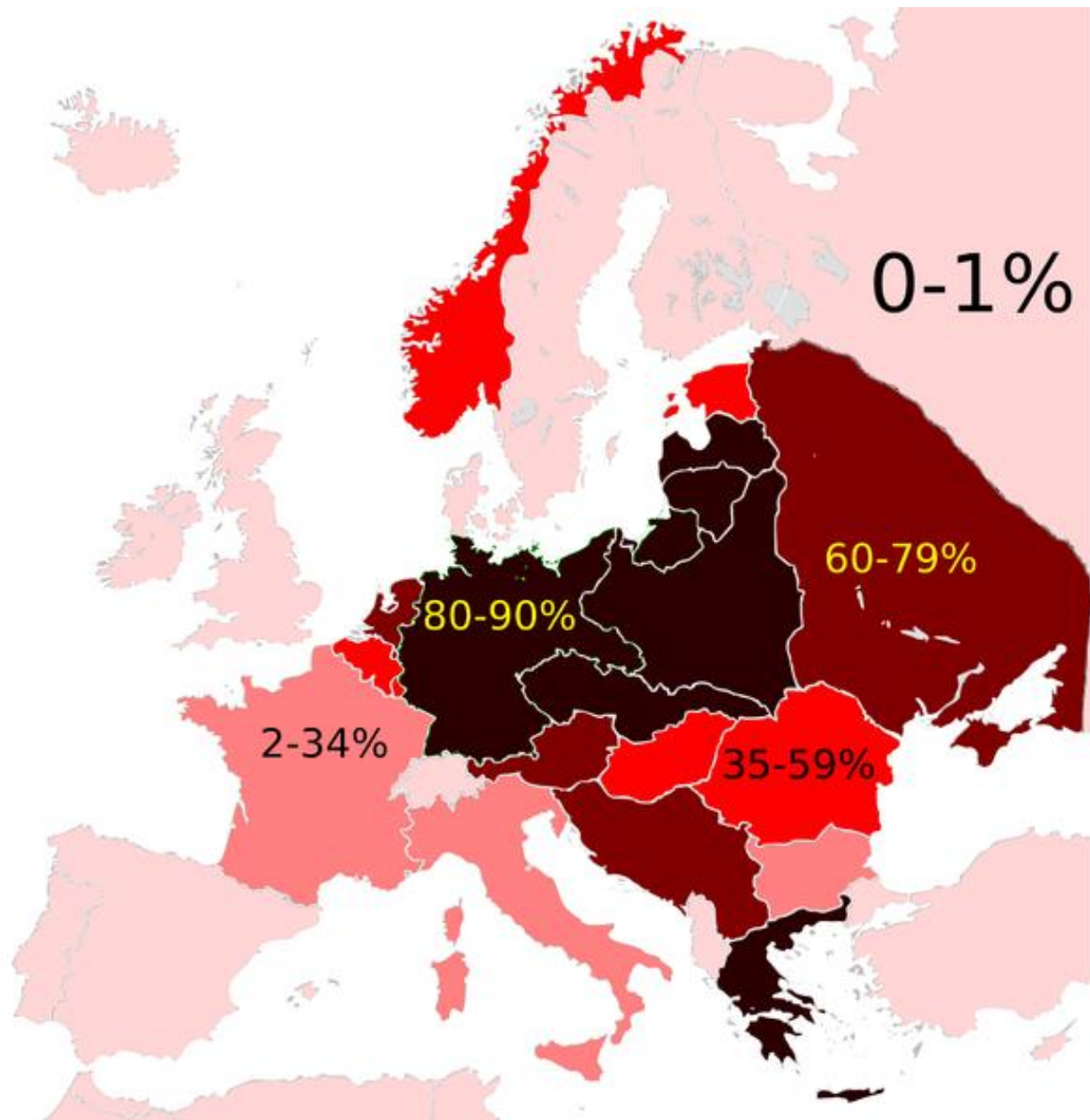
Hitler and the Nazi Party blamed the Jews for Germany's problems

By the end of WWII, about 6 millions Jews were killed

- Historically easy target to blame for anything
 - A religion and part ethnicity (Israelites)
 - Cultural and religious differences compared to other Europeans



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The Beginning of the Holocaust

In 1933, Hitler began passing laws limiting the rights of Jews:

- Could not hold government office

Nuremberg Laws (1935)

- Jews are not considered German citizens
- Germans cannot marry Jews
- All law violators are sentenced to hard labor

Starting 1939, Jews forced to live in **ghettos**, a part of a city where a particular minority group lives, before moving them to concentration camps and the “**Final Solution**”



In 1941, all Jews in German-occupied territory had to wear a Star of David badge on clothes as identification.



Why would appeasement seem appealing to European countries?

Why did people turn a blind eye when minorities were being persecuted?

**Are there certain issues that
everyone should take
responsibility for?**