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World War II

1 Causes of the Second World War

- Impact of the First World War(Paris Peace Conference)
  - Importance
    - A. Discontent in Germany caused by the Paris Peace Conference
    - B. Discontent in Italy caused by the Paris Peace Conference
    - C. Nation states created at the Conference became preys of aggressors
    - D. The League of Nations established after WW1 promoted ambition of aggressors
- Rise of Totalitarianism
  - Importance
    - A. Launching invasions
    - B. Forming military alliances
    - C. Destroying the collective security system
    - D. Communist Soviet Union eased German worries about a two-front war
  - Limitations
    - A. Totalitarian development was slowed down in the mid-1920s
- Impact of the Great Depression
  - Importance
    - A. Prompting Britain and France to adopt the appeasement policy
    - B. Instigating aggression and the rise of totalitarianism
    - C. Further weakening the collective security system
    - D. Aggravating the poor cooperation among the powers
  - Limitations
    - A. Totalitarian countries and thoughts long existed before the Great Depression
- Failure of Collective Security System
  - Importance
    - A. Weakness of the League aroused the ambition of aggressors
    - B. Peace treaties gave the aggressors excuses
    - C. Disarmament conferences intensified armaments expansion
  - Limitations
    - A. The League helped solve regional conflicts
    - B. Signing of peace treaties contributed to the honeymoon period in the 1920s
    - C. Disarmament conferences did something to limit military expansion
- Appeasement Policy of Britain and France
  - Importance
    - A. Boosting the ambition of aggressors
    - B. Arousing suspicion of the USSR
    - C. France dared not to take action on its own
  - Limitations
    - A. Its aim was to delay the outbreak of the world war
    - B. Policy of Britain and France only
    - C. Appeasement was not unconditional tolerance and had a clear limit
- Inadequate Cooperation among the Powers
  - Importance
    - A. Divergence between Britain and France gave Germany a chance to expand
    - B. Isolation of the USA boosted the confidence of aggressors
    - C. The USSR did not side with others, which eased the worry of Germany
  - Limitations
    - A. Just an indirect factor

2 Attempts at Making Peace between the Two World Wars

- Peacekeeping organization
  - League of Nations(1920)
- Peace treaties
  - Locarno Treaties(1925)
  - Kellogg-Briand Pact(1928)
- Disarmament Conferences
  - Washington Conference(1921-22)
  - London Naval Conference(1930)
  - Geneva Conference(1932-34)
- Peace Conferences
  - Paris Peace Conference(1919)
  - Munich Conference(1938)
- Appeasement policy
  - Anglo-German Naval Agreement(1935)
  - Munich Conference(1938)
- Treaty of Mutual Assistance
  - France & Czechoslovakia Treaty of Mutual Assistance(1925)
  - France & Poland Treaty of Mutual Assistance(1925)
  - France & USSR Treaty of Mutual Assistance(1935)
- Non-aggression Pact
  - Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact (1939)

3 Establishment of Post-war International Order

- Wartime Conference
  - Moscow Conference(1943)
  - Cairo Conference(1943)
  - Tehran Conference(1943)
  - Yalta Conference(1945)
  - Potsdam Conference(1945)
- Peace Treaties
  - Germany 'Potsdam Agreement' (1945)
  - Italy 'Paris Peace Treaties' (1947)
  - Japan 'Treaty of San Francisco' (1951)
- The United Nations

4 Significance of WW2

- Political aspect
  - A. Further decline of Europe
  - B. Rise of the US and the USSR
  - C. Beginning of the Cold War
  - D. Emergence of independence movements in colonies
  - E. Establishment of a new peace-keeping body
- Economic aspect
  - A. Huge economic losses
  - B. Start of economic integration in Europe
- Social aspect
  - A. Heavy casualties
  - B. Rise of women's status
- Cultural aspect
  - A. Provide topics and inspiration