Modern Europe

Conflict and Change in Europe to the 21st century
When = 1939 – 1945
- Started when Germany invaded Poland
- United States became involved on 12/8/1941 after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 12/7/1941
- Ended when Germany and Japan surrendered

Where ???
- European Theater
- Pacific Theater
- Pearl Harbor, USA

Results . . .
- Major devastation and loss of life AGAIN!
What were the causes of World War II?

- Extreme nationalism (still!)
  - EXTREME pride in one’s country

- Rise of dictators in Europe – Alliance
  - Hitler in power in Germany
  - Mussolini in power in Italy
  - Emperor Hirohito in Japan

- Severe worldwide depression
  - This depression is a continuation of the Great Depression in the USA

- Hitler’s expansion through Europe
  - Austria (March, 1938)
  - Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Albania (March, 1939)
Whose side am I on?

Allied Powers
- Big Four
  - United States
  - Great Britain
  - Soviet Union
  - France

Axis Powers
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
Other Nations Involved

Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
France
Great Britain
Greece
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
India
Iran
Iraq
Lebanon
Liberia
Luxembourg
Mexico
Mongolia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Norway
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Poland
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
Soviet Union
Syria
Turkey
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela
Yugoslavia
Other Nations Involved

Axis Powers

Albania
Bulgaria
Finland
Hungary
Romania
Thailand
What was the Holocaust?

The systematic destruction of the Jews and others during World War II
- Those the Nazi party deemed inferior.
- Had been disliked and persecuted in Germany for hundreds of years.

How did Hitler hurt the Jews . . .
- First – economically . . . Ordered Germans not to shop in stores owned by Jews.
- Army made them leave their homes and move into crowded areas called ghettos.
- Forced to work as slaves.
- Jews were forced into concentration camps or death camps . . . Forced to breath poisonous gas.
Over 6 million people killed in death camps throughout Europe between 1933 and 1945.

- Story of Anne Frank
What happened to the Jews after WWII?

Many were afraid to return to their homes.

Many countries restricted where they could go.

State of Israel was created in 1948 . . . Jewish people flooded into their new homeland.
Which event came first . . . .

2. Hitler ordered Germans not to shop in stores owned by Jews.
3. Jews ordered to move into ghettos.
4. Jews were forced into concentration camps and killed.
5. Allied troops found German prison camps where Jews were imprisoned and killed.
6. The State of Israel was established.
End of WWII

- End of WWII, Allied armies freed all nations in Western Europe that had been conquered by Germany.
  - Helped them form new governments and gave them money to rebuild their cities.

- Germany divided into 4 sections
  - Eventually leads to the establishment of 2 nations
    - West Germany – Democratic (GB, France, USA)
    - East Germany – Communist (Soviet Union)

- Soviet Union moved into Eastern Europe
  - Poland, Romania, Hungary, East Germany
  - Set up communist “satellite” governments in Eastern European countries . . . Government controlled everything.