

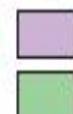
World War II



Adolf Hitler offers economic stability to unemployed Germans during the Great Depression and becomes chancellor in 1933.



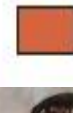
Joseph Stalin grabs control of the Soviet Union in 1924 and squelches all opposition after V. I. Lenin, founder of the communist regime, dies.



Fascist dictatorship



Communist dictatorship



Imperialist military regime



1,500 miles

1,000 kilometers



Benito Mussolini rises to power in 1922 and attempts to restore Italy to its former position as a world power.



Hideki Tojo, the force behind Japanese strategy, becomes Japan's prime minister in 1941. Emperor Hirohito becomes a powerless figurehead.



Francisco Franco leads the rebel Nationalist army to victory in Spain and gains complete control of the country in 1939.



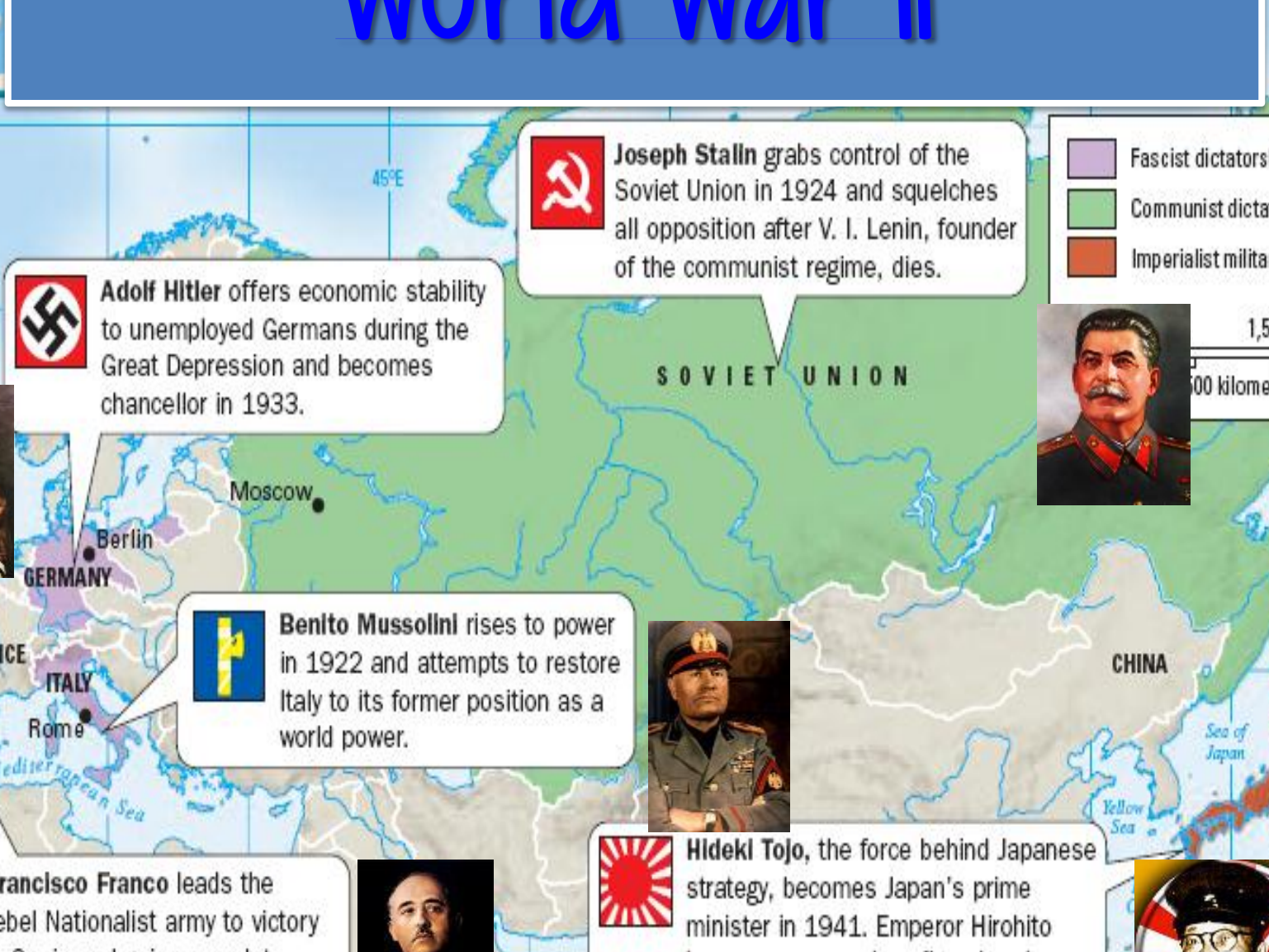
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AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

- Congress passed Neutrality Acts (1935-1937)
 - made it illegal for companies to sell weapons or transport goods to any nation at war
- September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland... WWII began



AMERICAN NEUTRALITY?

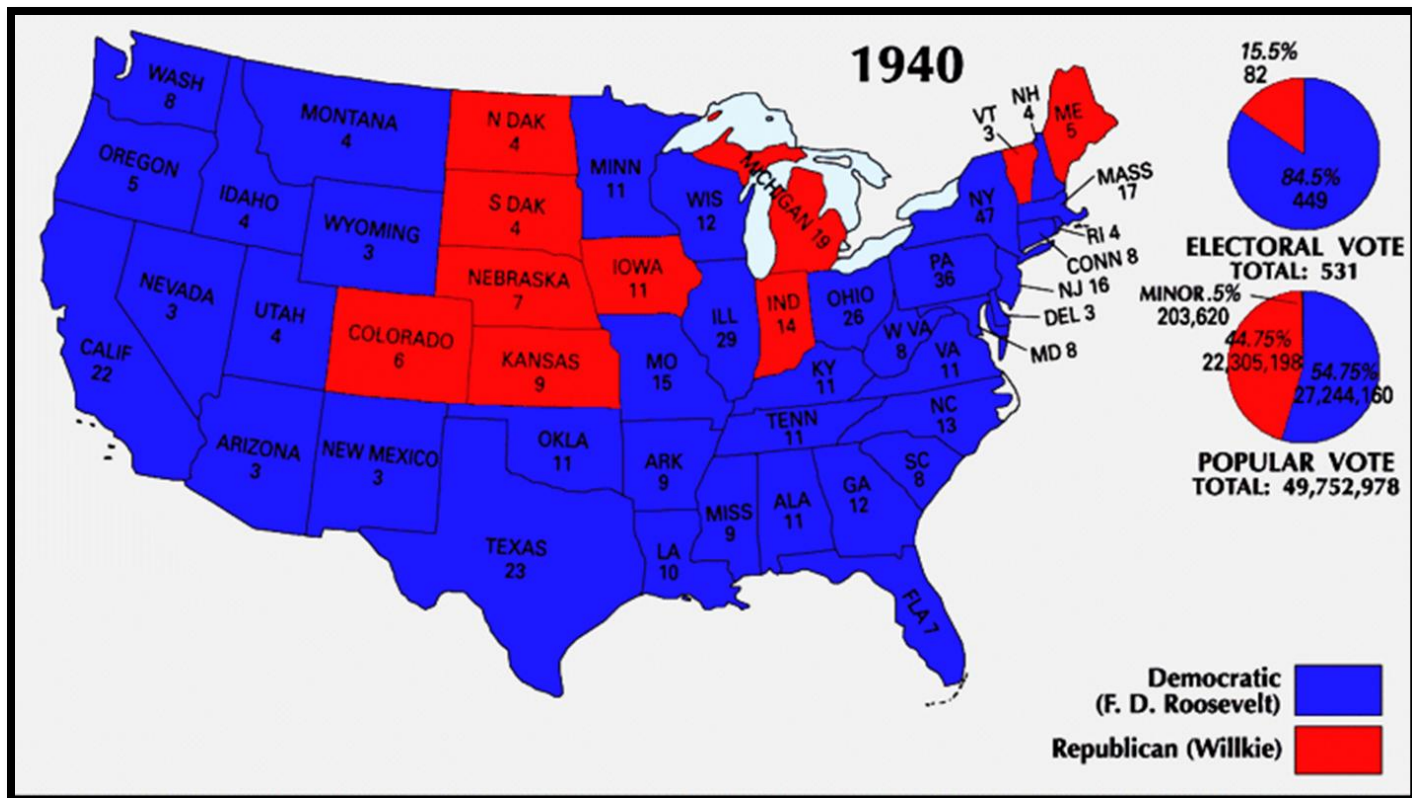
- 1937: Congress amended Neutrality Acts to allow for "cash and carry" trade w/ Allied Powers
 - Countries at war must pay CASH and CARRY war materials on their own ships.



Remember unrestricted submarine warfare??

1940

- FDR elected to third term
- Platform: neutrality with preparedness



1940

- Called for the first peacetime draft
- France fell to Axis Powers
 - FDR concerned that Britain was next

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Vincent Laurence Wassell
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

187 01 Mangan Ave St. Albans, L. I. N. Y.
(Place of residence)
(This will be identical with line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this 16 day of October, 1940

Grace Campbell
(Signature of registrant)

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(Number) (City or county) (State)

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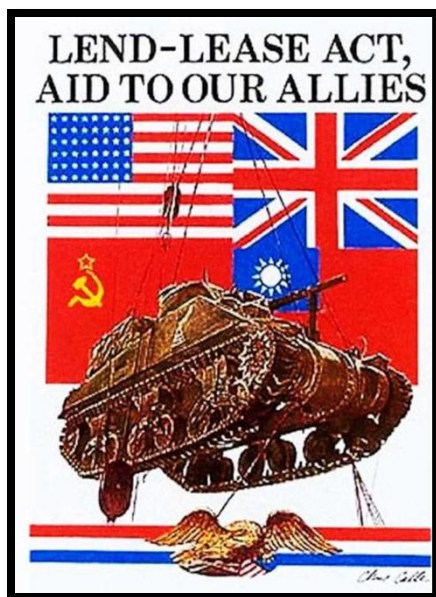
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LEND-LEASE

- 1941: Congress passed Lend-Lease Act
 - allowed the USA to send war supplies to Allied nations and transport war-related goods to Europe on armed ships
- USA became an "arsenal of democracy" and helped end the depression in America



PROBLEM...

- USA trading across Atlantic Ocean...Germans patrolling Atlantic Ocean
- Hitler invaded Soviet Union...no sign of stopping aggression
- Japan taking Pacific Islands with little to no opposition



ATLANTIC

CHARTER

- Agreement between USA & Great Britain
 - war strategy IF the USA entered the war and a plan for a post-war United Nations



IN THE PACIFIC...

- To protect American territories and allies in the Pacific, FDR ordered an embargo on all iron and oil sales to Japan
- Hideki Tojo sent an envoy to negotiate a resolution, but secretly plotted to attack the United States



On December 7, 1941 the Japanese military led a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Photo # 80-G-32511 Wrecks of USS Downes & USS Cassin , at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941



DECLARATION OF WAR

- In addition to Hawaii, the Japanese attacked U.S. naval bases at Guam and Wake Island
- Congress declared war on Japan
- U.S. now had to fight a two-front war in Europe and Asia

