

# Time Line of Events Leading to World War II

## Germany, Italy, Japan

- Japan invades Manchuria.

1931

1932

- Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany.
- Germany withdraws from League of Nations.

1933

- Germany begins to rearm.

1934

- Italy invades Ethiopia.
- Nuremberg Laws strip German Jews of rights and property.

1935

- Germany reoccupies the Rhineland.
- Germany and Italy form Axis.
- Japan attacks China again.

1936

1937

- Germany occupies Austria.
- Germany takes the Sudetenland.

1938

- Germany takes Czechoslovakia.
- Italy invades Albania.
- Germany signs nonaggression pact with Soviet Union.
- Germany attacks Poland.
- Holocaust begins.

1939

- Italy declares war on Britain and France.
- Japan, Germany, and Italy sign pact.
- Germany and Italy invade France.
- Battle of Britain.

1940

- Germany invades Soviet Union.
- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.

1941

## United States, Britain, France, Soviet Union

- Stalin issues second 5-Year Plan.

- U.S. passes Neutrality Act.

- Soviet Union signs nonaggression pact with Germany.
- Soviet Union attacks Poland.
- Soviet Union attacks Finland.

- U.S. begins military draft.
- Battle of Britain.

- Lend-Lease Act passes.
- Soviet Union is attacked.
- Pearl Harbor is attacked.
- US declares war on Japan, Germany, and Italy.