

Onset of World War II

🗺️ People and Cultures

1. Turn to pages 84–85 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at photo C. Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. Who was the leader of Italy during the Second World War? _____
 - b. Who was the leader of Germany? _____
 - c. What country was an ally of Germany and Italy? _____
 - d. What were these three nations called? _____
 - e. What were their enemies called? _____
 - f. The invasion of what country triggered World War II? _____
 - g. At first, which side did the United States fight for? _____

🗺️ Location

2. Look at map A, “German Aggression;” map B, “Italian Aggression;” and map D, “Japanese Aggression.” Write **I** if the country or region was taken over by Italy, **G** if it was taken over by Germany, and **J** if it was taken over by Japan.

Country or Region	Aggressor
a. Saar	_____
b. Manchuria	_____
c. Ethiopia	_____
d. Memel	_____
e. Canton	_____

🗺️ Time and Change

3. Look again at maps A, B, and D. Number the places in the order they were conquered.
 - a. Austria _____
 - b. Ethiopia _____
 - c. Manchuria _____
 - d. Peking and Nanking _____
 - e. Czechoslovakia _____

📍 Links Far and Near

4. Read the overview again. Also look at map A and map E, “The Axis Attacks.” Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany in _____. He swore to avenge Germany’s humiliations after _____. In 1935 he gained control of a small area called the _____. In 1936 he placed troops in the _____. Germany took control of Austria and an area of Czechoslovakia called the _____ in _____. France and the United Kingdom grew concerned about Hitler’s aggression and declared war in _____ after Germany invaded Poland. Hitler defeated France in _____. The next year he attacked the _____.

📍 History Through Maps

5. Look again at map E. Circle the battles below that were Axis victories.

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| a. Moscow | d. Dunkirk |
| b. Paris | e. El Alamein |
| c. Leningrad | f. Britain |

📍 Places, Regions, and Landscapes

6. Look at map E. List 17 European countries that were occupied by the Axis after Poland was invaded.

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| a. _____ | j. _____ |
| b. _____ | k. _____ |
| c. _____ | l. _____ |
| d. _____ | m. _____ |
| e. _____ | n. _____ |
| f. _____ | o. _____ |
| g. _____ | p. _____ |
| h. _____ | q. _____ |
| i. _____ | |