

GLOBAL CONFLICT: AXIS ADVANCE

- I. First Onslaught
 - a. Blitzkrieg – lightning war
 - i. War based on speed to prevent defense or counter offensive
 - ii. Planes bomb factories, towns, army bases
 - iii. Tanks and trucks speed through land deep into country
 - b. Axis Triumphs
 - i. Phony War (Sept 1939-April 1940)
 - 1. Allies wait along Maginot Line for Germans but Germans don't attack
 - a. Maginot Line is fortified border with Germany stretch from Switzerland to Belgium
 - ii. April 1940
 - 1. Nazis attack and defeat Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium
 - c. Miracle at Dunkirk
 - i. Argonne Forest
 - 1. French had strong forts along German – French border
 - 2. Expect Nazis to invade through Belgium like WWI
 - 3. Nazis send troops to Belgium, Allies invade to meet Nazis
 - 4. Nazis send majority of army through Argonne Forest
 - a. French thought Argonne was impassable so did not defend
 - b. Allowed Nazis to encircle Allied Armies in NW France
 - ii. Dunkirk
 - 1. Allies trapped by Nazi armies, go to Dunkirk to try to escape to England
 - 2. Allies succeed in saving 300,000 troops
 - d. France Falls
 - i. June 22, 1940 France surrenders to Germany
 - ii. Vichy France
 - 1. Nazi puppet government established in Southern France
 - e. Technology and modern war
 - i. Tanks, planes, submarines with radar, bombs were more deadly, medicine improved
- II. Battle of Britain
 - a. Operation Sea Lion
 - i. Nazi invasion of Britain – only nation left for Nazi victory.
 - b. Battle Begins August 12, 1940
 - i. Luftwaffe raid
 - 1. Nazi Airforce to attack against British military targets
 - c. London Blitz (September 7, 1940)
 - i. Luftwaffe didn't work, so Nazis begin bombing British cities
 - ii. 57 nights bomb the British every day

- iii. bombing only brought British closer together
 - d. German Defeat
 - i. June 1941 – Hitler stop bombing Britain
- III. Charging Ahead
 - a. North Africa
 - i. Italian invasion fail, so Germans help
 - ii. Between 1941-1942 Hitler conquer North Africa under Rommel
 - b. Balkans
 - i. Italian invasion of Greece fail
 - ii. Nazis invade and take Yugoslavia and Greece
 - iii. Hungary and Bulgaria join Axis
- IV. Operation Barbarossa
 - a. Plan to conquer USSR to get resources in Ural Mountains, food in Ukraine and living space
 - b. German Advance
 - i. Caught Soviets by surprise
 - ii. Scorched Earth
 - 1. Soviets retreat, burning everything in path
 - iii. Nazis make it to sight of Moscow
 - iv. Winter Arrives
 - 1. Nazi army stops by winter
 - c. Siege of Leningrad (Stalingrad)
 - i. Last 2 ½ years
 - ii. Nazis want oil fields of Black Sea
 - iii. Million citizens die, but USSR wins
- V. Growing American Involvement
 - a. Arsenal of Democracy
 - i. Lend-Lease Act – 1941
 - 1. US will sell or lend war material to any country who is fighting for freedom
 - b. Atlantic Charter
 - i. August 1941
 - 1. Roosevelt and Churchill develop plans for post war world after defeat of Nazis
 - 2. Pledge to support freedom of people to choose their own government
 - 3. Creation of general system of security
- VI. Japan Attacks
 - a. Japan expands throughout Southeast Asia once war starts
 - b. Growing Tensions with US
 - i. US ban sale of war materials to Japan to protest conquest of French Indochina
 - ii. Japan wanted to take lands in Pacific and saw US as preventing them
 - c. Pearl Harbor

- i. Day of Infamy - Dec 7, 1941 – General Tojo order surprise attack on US
 - ii. US declare war on Japan, Germany and Italy declare war on US
- d. Japanese victories
 - i. Japan takes Philippines, Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya early in war.