

Knowledge Map: The Inter War Years

Summary: At the end of The First World War, countries came together to decide how to deal with a defeated Germany at Versailles in Paris. The Treaty of Versailles that was signed had long lasting impacts on Europe, ultimately becoming one of the major causes of The Second World War. Between World War One and World War Two, many countries became dictatorships and this included Nazi Germany. Hitler had an aggressive foreign policy and began to take over other countries, whilst Britain and France “appeased” Germany. This is one of the many causes of The Second World War.

Key events		Key People	
11 November 1918	The Armistice is signed	David Lloyd George	Prime Minister of Britain during Paris Peace Conference
28 June 1919	The Treaty of Versailles is signed		
October 1929	The Wall Street Crash	Woodrow Wilson	President of USA during Paris Peace Conference
January 1933	Adolf Hitler becomes leader of Germany	Georges Clemenceau	French leader during Paris Peace Conference
March 1938	The Nazis occupy Austria		
30 September 1938	The Munich Agreement	Benito Mussolini	Dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1943
15 March 1939	The Nazis invade Czechoslovakia		
1 September 1939	The Nazis invade Poland		
3rd September 1939	Britain Declare War on Germany (World War Two Begins)	Adolf Hitler	Leader of Germany 1933-1945

Key terms

Democracy	Where people within a country have the right to vote in free elections
Dictatorship	Where one person has complete power within a country
The Nazis	A German Right Wing Political Party, led by Adolf Hitler
Fascism	A far right political belief that believes in nationalism, military strength and a single, powerful leader
The Great Depression	A period of time after The Wall Street Crash of immense poverty across the world
Treaty	An international agreement
Article 231	The 231 st article of The Treaty of Versailles that said Germany had to accept the blame for starting World War One, known as “The War Guilt Clause”
Rhineland	An area demilitarised by The Treaty of Versailles, which Hitler would later march troops into.
Treaty of St Germain	Treaty forced on Austria after World War One