

Scheme of Learning: Year 8 History

Topic Sequence:

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English Civil War	Democracy	Empire	Industry	Slavery	WWI	Inter War	WWII

Topic Overview:

This unit follows on chronologically from World War Two. Students will be learning about the period between World War One and Two in order to understand how countries tried, and failed, to prevent a second world war. We will examine international relations within this period looking at The Treaty of Versailles, the Rise of Hitler and the impact of the Great Depression. We will finally look at how appeasement was a cause of The Second World War.

Lesson Sequence:

This unit begins with students exploring the Treaty of Versailles, a peace agreement made between countries at the end of World War One. Students will look at the differing ideas of the French, British and Americans over how Germany should be treated, eventually resulting in the Treaty of Versailles being a compromise. They will then examine the terms of the treaty, looking at how Germany was punished financially, economically and militarily. Following this, we will examine the reaction to the Treaty by using historical sources (cartoons) to infer how some people at the time felt the Treaty was overly harsh. After this, we will explore other international peace treaties that were put in place, comparing them to the Treaty of Versailles.

Students will then begin to compare their knowledge of democracy against the concept of a dictatorship. We will look at how the government, freedoms, elections and opposition compare between the two ways a country could be run. Students will then compare Germany, Italy, Russia and Britain and apply their knowledge of the key concepts to be able to explain which countries followed which systems in the 1920s. Students will likely be surprised by how democratic Germany is in the years preceding the Nazis.

Students will then turn their attention to The USA. We will examine what America was like in the 1920s and ensure that we understand the dependence countries around the world had on America. We then explore the turning point of The Wall Street Crash, looking at the international fallout from The Great Depression. Students will be doing a short piece of extended writing examining this.

Students will then be gaining an understanding of Hitler and his foreign policy, in order to begin to comprehend why there was a Second World War. Following this, we will look at how Britain and France used a policy of appeasement to try and prevent a Second World War, weighing up whether it was an effective policy. Finally, we will link appeasement to the other causes of The Second World War so students have a well rounded understanding of the multiple factors that resulted in war.

Sequence of Lessons:

1	The Treaty of Versailles
2	Reactions to Treaty of Versailles
3	Other Peace Treaties
4	Democracy and dictatorship
5	The USA in the 1920s
6	The Wall Street Crash
7	The Great Depression
8	Hitler's Foreign Policy
9	Overview of Causes of WWII
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Topic Resources:

Knowledge Map:	The Knowledge Map title should be here	Any other Resources:	Any other resources needed should be here
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Assessment:

Knowledge:	Multiple choice knowledge assessment
Application of Knowledge:	Source assessment- cartoons

Supportive Reading:

Any supported reading listed here	