Guided Reading Activity  

A World in Flames, 1931–1941

Lesson 1 The Origins of World War II

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: The Treaty of Versailles, along with worldwide depression, contributed to the rise of dictatorships in Europe and Asia.

1. Detail: In Italy, ________________ founded the Fascist Party. This group believed that order in society could only come through a _________________.

2. Detail: By 1926, ________________ became the dictator in Russia. He tried to ________________ the nation using _________________. Stalin used ________________ to punish his political enemies.

3. Detail: Postwar Germany’s political and economic problems gave rise to the ________________ Party. It called for Germany to _________________. One of its early recruits was _________________. In 1933, the German president appointed him ________________.

4. Detail: In Japan, military officers blamed the country’s problems on _________________. They believed Japan was destined to _________________. To get the resources it needed, Japan had to _________________.

B. Main Idea: European countries tried to negotiate with Germany to avoid another global conflict, but were unsuccessful.

1. Detail: In 1938, Hitler invaded ________________ and announced the ________________ with Germany.

2. Detail: Hitler claimed a part of Czechoslovakia called the _________________. Britain and France agreed to Hitler’s demands at the _________________, a policy that came to be known as _________________.

3. Detail: In August 1939, Germany and the Soviet Union signed a(n) _________________. that allowed Germany to focus on the invasion of ________________ and war with ________________ and _________________.

4. Detail: Germans used a new type of warfare called ________________ for the invasion. It used ________________ and ________________ to break through and encircle enemy positions.

5. Detail: German troops then launches an attack on Western Europe, forcing the Allies to evacuate from the city of _________________. Three weeks later, ________________ surrendered to Germany.
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6. **Detail:** The new prime minister of __________________ , __________________ , vowed never to surrender. An air battle called __________________ followed. Britain used __________________ to detect German bombers, so Hitler cancelled the __________________ .

**Summary and Reflection**

**DIRECTIONS:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What led to the beginning of World War II in Europe, and Germany’s early successes?

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