WWII Review

Great Depression:

* Black Tuesday – Stock Market Crashed – Economy fails
  + World is interdependent
* President Herbert Hoover he believed in *rugged individualism* (the govt. is not responsible for bailing you out).
  + Public opinion was so low they attached his name to negative symbols: hoovervilles, hooverblankets, hooverflags, hoover tourists
* President Franklin D. Roosevelt elected in 1932 he begins to pull America out of its recession with his New Deal
  + Bank Holiday
  + Public Works Program – create jobs

Totalitarian Leaders:

* Joseph Stalin – Soviet Union (Russia) – communism
  + Bolsheviks led by Vladimir Lenin
* Benito Mussolini – Italy – fascism
  + Black Shirts on March on Rome
* Adolf Hitler – Germany – Nazi
  + Elected Chancellor

Blitzkrieg:

* Lightning war – use everything (tanks, planes, boats, soldiers, bombs) at once
* Treaty of Versailles
  + Forces Germany to take blame; reparations; must set up a democratic government (Weimar republic), NO ARMY

1. Hitler goes to the Rhineland and rebuild the troops
2. Anschluss – Annexation of Austria (Hitler’s homeland)
3. Munich Agreement – invites leaders of Britain and France to discuss Hitler taking the Sudetenland
4. THREE DAYS LATER he takes over all of Czechoslovakia
5. Nonaggression pact – agreement between Hitler and Stalin to share Poland
6. Hitler invades Poland and Britain and France finally DELCARE WAR – WWII BEGINS!!

Holocaust:

* Nuremberg Laws: wear the Star of David, live in Ghettos, cannot own property, no government jobs, register as Jews
* Systematic killing of Jews (genocide) through concentrations camps – gas chambers, shootings, crematoriums
* Soviet army liberates Jews
* Nuremberg Trials: Originally 24 SS Soldiers tried, 12 were sentenced to death. Charged with “Crimes against humanity”

War abroad:

* Phony war – sitzkrieg – nothing happens – both sides sit in trenches
* Fall of France – France surrenders in 1940 – De Gaulle sets up a puppet govt. in Britain
* Battle of Britain – airplanes – Hitler was not successful
* Atlantic Charter – America and Britain to protect the freedom of the seas from Hitler’s unrestricted submarine warfare
* Pearl Harbor – Dec. 7th, 1941 “A Date Which Will Live in Infamy.” – Japan bombs Hawaii because we would not trade oil with them because they would not stop killing and raping innocent Chinese and other Asian civilians
* D-Day (Operation Overlord) – June 6th, 1944 – Allies liberated France from the Germans
* Operation Torch – Allies invaded Africa then Sicily and Italy surrendered
* Battle of Leningrad / Stalingrad when Hitler betrayed Stalin and invaded Russia
* V-E (Victory in Europe) Hitler surrenders
* Island Hopping – Allies take over Japanese territories piece by piece
* Manhattan project – the secret plan to develop the Nuclear Bombs
* Drop 2 nuclear bombs Little Boy on Hiroshima and Fat Man on Nagasaki (three days apart)

1. Save American lives
2. Force Japan to surrender
3. Don’t need Stalin’s help