NB#2: The Failure of Appeasement and Beginning of World War II
Have you ever been tempted to appease an aggressive person or group of people?

Why are people tempted to appease?

The appeasement of fascist dictators in the 1930s did not avoid World War II.
Big Picture Questions:

What actions do Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese Nationalists take to threaten peace?

Why do the major powers stand by as Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese Militarists violate freedoms of other countries?
Japanese Expansion

- **1910** – Takes over Korea
- **1931** - Invades Manchuria
- **1933** - Withdraws from League of Nations
- **1937** - Invades China & kills/rapes tens of thousands of civilians

During this period, other nations criticize Japan, but none with military strength steps in to stop growing Japanese domination of East Asia & the Pacific

**Discuss:** WHY is Japan unchallenged??

Emperor Hirohito

Militarist Leader Tojo
Fascist Italy Invades Ethiopia in 1935 after earlier invasion of Libya

League of Nations condemns attack, but fails to assist either Libya or Ethiopia

“God and history will remember your judgment…..it is us today. It will be you tomorrow”

Haile Selassie - Leader of Ethiopia - 1936

Why does the League of Nations fail to assist Ethiopia?
Nazi Germany ignore stipulations of Versailles Treaty and begins military buildup after Hitler takes power in 1933. Nazi militarism criticized, but not stopped when Germany expands without any resistance:

- Rhineland (’36)
- Austria (’37)
- Sudetenland (part of Czechoslovakia) (’38)

Discuss: WHY is Germany unchallenged???
Munich Conference  
(September 1938)

Meeting between Britain, France, Italy & Germany with the goal of preserving peace

Britain & France allow Germany & Italy to keep territories they have taken in exchange for promises of no more expansion.

**Discuss: Why is Munich Pact another example of Appeasement?**

British PM after Chamberlain Winston Churchill say of Munich Pact:

*We are in the presence of a disaster of the first magnitude...we have sustained defeat without war....this is only the first sip....the foretaste of a bitter cup....*

*Unless we arise again and take our stand for freedom...*
Hitler & Stalin’s Secret Deal

Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Pact (August 1939)

- A 10-year agreement between communist Russia & fascist Germany not to attack each other…pact actually lasts only 2 years

- Stalin & Hitler secretly agree to divide Poland, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia

Discuss: Why does “appeasement” encourage this agreement between Stalin & Hitler??
Appeasement Cartoon A

IT WORKED AT THE REICHSTAG — WHY NOT HERE?
Appeasement Cartoon B

The Appeaser
Appeasement Cartoon D

‘Remember... One More Lollypop, and Then You All Go Home!’
WHAT A LUCKY THING WE'VE GOT SEPARATE BEDS!

Hitler-itis
Blitz Pox
Nazi Fever
Fascist Fever
Stalin-itch

Ho Hum! No chance of contagion.
**WWII BEGINS:** In Sept, 1939 Nazi Germany launches mechanized attack on Poland and then 6 months later on France called the “Blitzkrieg” triggering WWII.

How and why does Hitler invade Poland? Why does this trigger WWII?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kKCjwNvNkQ
Khan Academy Summary of Causes of World War II

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvDFsxjaPaE
7 Minute Cartoon Summary of World War II