

1914-1941 BOOK 1 GENERAL TIMELINE

1914 – Austrian Archduke assassinated by Bosnian nationalists - “the spark” → WW1 Start

1917 – Russian Revolution starts, Bolsheviks (led by Lenin)

1919 – **Paris Peace Conference** to end WW1. **TOV** punishes GER to end WW1 (e.g. War Guilt Clause- TL blame for war, War reparations: £6.6 billion, Only 100k in army) → Loss of national pride, humiliation, unfair (GER no say) “Stab in back theory”- betrayed by communists and Jews (used by Hitler)

1918–19 – Weimar Republic starts. 1923: Hyperinflation (eg. kept printing money) Golden age: 1924-1929 (economy good) Too much democracy → Govt can’t make fast decisions → Ineffective in handling crisis

1919–1920 – The 1st Red Scare begins → fear of communism **1920**: LON forms. US no join + No Army = weak

1922 – USSR forms, end of imperial rule in Russia

1929 – **Great Depression** begins → Worldwide economic collapse. WR: Ineffective (Relied US loans) JPN: Suffer (no natural resources)- Rely on trade+ exports → Growing discontent, unemployment, social instability

1931 – **Manchurian Crisis**: JPN’s Kwantung Army invades Manchuria without approval → weak civilian govt loses control, shows growing influence of military (acted independently)

1932 – **League of Blood Incident**: JPN ultranationalists assassinate key business/political elites → weakens democracy, militarism rises.

1933 – **Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany** → **Reichstag Fire**- Enabling Act to take TL control → Start Nazi regime → ban opposition and take control.

1934 – Night of the Long Knives: Hitler murders rivals (e.g. Ernst Röhm) to consolidate power in the Nazi Party - Afraid of SA too powerful

1935 – **Abyssinian Crisis**: Italy invades Ethiopia. LON imposes weak sanctions-FAIL → Emboldens Mussolini + Hitler.

1936 – **26 Feb Incident** JPN: young army officers attempt coup → fails, but public sympathy leads to more military influence.

1937 – **Marco Polo Bridge Incident** (JPN soldiers demand entry into China, gunfire exchanged) → **Sino-Japanese war** (WWII in Asia).

1938 – **Night of Broken Glass**- Violence against Jews and their property. **Munich Agreement**: UK and FR appease Hitler by giving him the Sudetenland. He promises peace (liar). 6 months after invades Czechoslovakia

1939 – Nazi-Soviet Pact signed (Hitler and Stalin agree to carve up Poland, 10 yrs no attack each other) → Both invade Poland → UK + FR declare war → WWII starts in Europe.

1940 – JPN enters French Indochina for invasion (Motivation: SEAsia for resources, Greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere). Fall of France in 6 weeks - Blitzkrieg tactic.

1941 – Final Solution in GER begins- Genocide of Jews and minorities. Operation Barbarossa- GER invade USSR. Yamamoto knew confrontation with US inevitable → Bomb Pearl Harbour (7 Dec) to distract them.

***This is only for a general overview