**World War Two**

**Chapter 28**

1. Start of War
   1. Failure of **Appeasement** - allow Hitler to get his way in order to prevent war
      1. Hitler broke the Versailles Treaty by building up his military and “united the Germans” by taking over neighboring countries in 1938
   2. Hitler signed a secret **non-aggression** pact with Stalin- two would not fight each other and split Poland
   3. Invasion of Poland (1939) German army used **blitzkrieg tactics**- rapid use of bombers, tanks, then ground troops
   4. Allies- GB, France (later SU and US)
   5. Axis- Germany, Italy (later Japan)
2. War in Europe
   1. Invasion of France (1940)
      1. Germany attacked France by going around the **Maginot Line**- fortifications along German border
      2. GB retreated, France surrendered after six weeks
   2. War with Great Britain
      1. **Winston Churchill** became Prime Minister and rallied resistance to Hitler
      2. Germany tried to defeat Great Britain by using bombers and submarines in order to invade #failed #benedictcumberbatch
   3. Invasion of the Soviet Union (1941)
      1. Germany made a surprise invasion, but size of SU halted advance at Moscow and Leningrad
      2. **Stalingrad** (1942) second offensive to take oil fields, Soviet counter-attack turned the tide of war
3. War in the Pacific
4. Japan allied with the Nazi Germany; took over most European colonies in the Pacific
5. Neutrality? - before war, America’s policy was **isolationism**- no involvement in foreign affairs, but provided aid to allies
6. Attack on the United States
7. US prepared for war, cut off steel and oil to Japan
8. December 7, 1941- Japan bombed American military base in **Pearl Harbor**, Hawaii
9. America Joins the War
   1. Japanese navy ruled the seas and took key American positions like the Philippines
   2. America gained naval superiority in the battle of **Midway**
   3. American offensive strategy was **island-hopping**- Navy and army attacked island to island
10. The Holocaust
11. **Anti-Semitism**- racism against Jews; rights and businesses taken away, forced in ghettos
12. Others put in **concentration camps**- to imprison, torture, and work
13. Nazis organized death squads to find and kill Jews
14. “**The Final Solution**”- Jews were sent to death camps, in all six million Jews and five million others murdered in the genocide
15. The End of the War (1944-1945)
16. End of War in Europe
    1. June 6, 1944- **D-Day Invasion**- US led landing in German-held Normandy (France)
    2. US led troops were able to liberate France and Italy
    3. Soviet counterattack pushed Germans out of the SU and Soviets won the “race” for Berlin
17. End of the War in Pacific
18. US blockaded and fire-bombed Japan
19. **Manhattan Project**- created atomic bombs
20. US did not want a costly invasion and so dropped atomic bombs on **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki**
21. Japan surrendered August 15, 1945
22. A New Era
    1. **Nuremberg trials**- after the war, Nazi leaders were tried for war crimes
    2. **United Nations**- like League of Nations but with more membership and power