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Causes of WWII - Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions in relation to the sources. Be sure to write in complete sentences and don't forget to steal and spit!

1. In the years following World War One the German government printed massive amounts of new money (German Mark) in order to make the reparation payments required in the Treaty of Versailles.

- a. How would printing so much new money affect the value of it?

- b. How would the changing value of the German Mark affect the German people?

- c. In what way does Cartoon "A" represent the effect that the Treaty of Versailles had on Germany and the average German?

2. According to "Source 2: Weimar Republic" and Cartoon "B", what assisted Hitler's rise to power in Germany?

3. Many Germans, including Hitler, found the Treaty of Versailles to be humiliating. Why do you suppose this was?

4. The League of Nations was created following the end of World War One.

- a. What was the goal of the League of Nations?

b. Who first proposed the creation of an organization like the League of Nations?

c. What steps could the League of Nations use in the event of an international dispute?

5. What is the message or “big idea” of Cartoon “C”? Explain how the symbolism of the cartoon can be used to explain the message or “big idea”.

6. In what ways are “Source 4: Abyssinia” and Cartoon “D” similar in terms of their overall message?

7. Write a definition for appeasement using your own words and ideas.

8. In what way was the Munich Conference a form of appeasement?

9. What is the significance of the Munich Conference in terms of who attended and who did not attend? Explain.

10. Why did Hitler agree to the Non-Aggression Pact with the Soviet Union?

11. World War Two is generally viewed as beginning on September 1st. What occurred on this date?

12. What does "Source 7: Poland" tell us about the policy of appeasement?

13. What is the message or "big idea" of Cartoon "E"? Explain how the symbolism of the cartoon can be used to explain the message or "big idea".

14. Besides the Treaty of Versailles, the League of Nations and the policy of appeasement, some historians also consider the actions and goals of Adolf Hitler as a major cause of World War Two.

a. Considering all of the sources, what actions or goals by Hitler led to or caused the outbreak of World War Two?

b. Considering all of the sources, what led to or assisted the rise to power of Hitler?

15. The Treaty of Versailles, the League of Nations and the policy of appeasement are all generally considered to be the main causes of World War Two. Consider all of the sources, in what ways did each of the following lead to the outbreak of World War Two?

a. Treaty of Versailles:

b. League of Nations:

c. Policy of Appeasement:
