Today:

2. **Assignment: Canada’s Response to the war**
Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact

In August 1939, Hitler and Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union, promised not to fight each other.
They also secretly agreed to divide Poland between them
Appeasement had failed!
Spoiler Alert!

Germany and the Soviet Union are working together! But they won’t be “friends” for long...
Invasion of Poland

• The German *blitzkrieg* surprised and defeated the Polish military.

• As they had promised to support Poland against invasion, Britain and France declared war on Germany.
The Canadian Response

- Prime Minister King pursued a policy of *isolationism* throughout the 1930s and hoped that appeasement would satisfy Hitler enough to avoid another war
CANADA PROCLAIMS WAR ON GERMANY

First Declaration in History of Dominion—Parliament to Rush Financing Today

By JOHN MacCORMAC
Special to The New York Times.

OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—Canada formally declared war on Germany today after the government’s policy of participation had been sustained late last night by an almost unanimous vote of Parliament.

The proclamation took effect as from midnight, when it was signed by Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor General, but announcement was delayed until 1:10 P. M. while the
Battle of France

- Germans use *blitzkrieg* (new technologies and new strategies) to defeat France in 6 weeks (!!!)
- Germans go through Belgium (again!) and go around the French defences on the border
Blitzkrieg (Lightning War)

- German WWII tactics/strategy
- Uses new technology to move soldiers extremely quickly to surround and destroy enemy soldiers
What’s a “blitz?”
What is *blitzkrieg*?

Step 1: Attack!

[Diagram showing swastikas and French flags]
Step 2: Hit ‘em hard where they’re weakest!
Step 3: Encircle and destroy!
“Stuka”
A German dive-bomber
How are these German soldiers getting from one place to another?
Battle of France (Continued)
German soldiers in Paris, 1939
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Ok, so France has been defeated, so who is left fighting Germany?
The Battle of Britain (Summer 1940)

- German Luftwaffe (Air Force) vs. British RAF (Royal Air Force)
- Germany needs to destroy the British Air Force to make it safe for its army to cross the English Channel into Britain (called “Operation Sea Lion”)
- *Germany loses this battle!*
British “Spitfire”
British Prime Minister Winston Churchill gives the “V-for-Victory”
Hitler’s first major blunder...
Germany Invades the Soviet Union (Summer 1941)

- Called Operation Barbarossa
- During the first year Germany almost captures Moscow, Stalingrad and St. Petersburg
- Germans are stopped by the Soviet Red Army and the Russian winter
Hitler stabs Stalin in the back, and almost defeats the Soviet Union.

Between 1941 and 1945 around 30 million Russians will be killed.

But some will say this is the moment Germany loses the war...
Meanwhile:
The Battle of the Atlantic
- German submarines attempt to sink all war supplies being taken to Britain from North America
Japan attacks Pearl Harbour

(Dec 1941)

- An American naval base
- Japan wants to bully the US into letting Japan expand in Asia
• But it doesn’t work...
• The US is badly hurt, but instead of being intimidated, they are angry!
1500 DEAD IN HAWAII

CONGRESS VOTES WAR

Tally in Senate is 82 to 0. In House 388 to 1, with Miss Rankin Sole Objector.

BY LYLE C. WILSON.
United Press Staff Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Congress today proclaimed existence of a state of war between the United States and the Japanese Empire 33 minutes after President Roosevelt stood before a joint session to ask such action and pledge that we will triumph—"so help us, God."

Democracy was proving its right to a place in the

100 to 200 Soldiers
Killed in Japanese Raid
On Luzon in Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 8.—Press dispatches reported that 100 to 200 troops, 60 of them Americans, were killed or injured today when Japanese warplanes raided Iba, on the west coast of the island of Luzon, north of the Olongapo naval base.
Hitler’s second major blunder...
The Japanese Empire Expands Quickly (1941-1942)

- The Imperial Army takes over Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and large parts of China
- Battle of Hong Kong (December 1941)
- Canadian Soldiers defending HK are defeated
1942 – Axis Powers are at their largest