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“The Early Stages of World War II”

Part I: Nazi Expansion

First Go to WWII in Color <http://www.history.com/interactives/inside-wwii-interactive> (Hint: You can always go back by Clicking the Zoom Button at the Top Right Corner)

Click on Europe & Africa then Click on the Nazi Expansion Picture

- a. According to the Map and Scroll Bar what are 3 Ways Hitler was able to gain **Lebensraum** between 1933-1939 prior to the start of WWII.

Next Click on the **Maginot Line**

- b. From the 1925-1940 the French placed their total faith in the construction of the **Maginot Line**. Describe 3 **Military Advantages** the French gained.

- c. However according the Historian what will be the ultimate **failure of the Maginot Line** for the French in the Long Run?

- d. According to the Map where is the **Weak point located on the Maginot Line**. Why do

Part II Creation of Blitzkrieg and the Invasion of Poland

Click on the U.S. Holocaust Museum Site

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005437>

- a. According to the 1st Paragraph what are 2 Advantages of using the Blitzkrieg Tactics that Hitler will use to Conquer most of Europe? (Minimum of 2-3 Sentences)

Go to <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005070>

- b. Start by Reading On September 1 and View the 3 Videos on the German Invasion of Poland. By the Beginning of October who Occupied Poland and where was it split? (Minimum of 2-3 Sentences)

- c. Explain what Happened to the **Polish capitol city of Warsaw**?