Warm Up #2

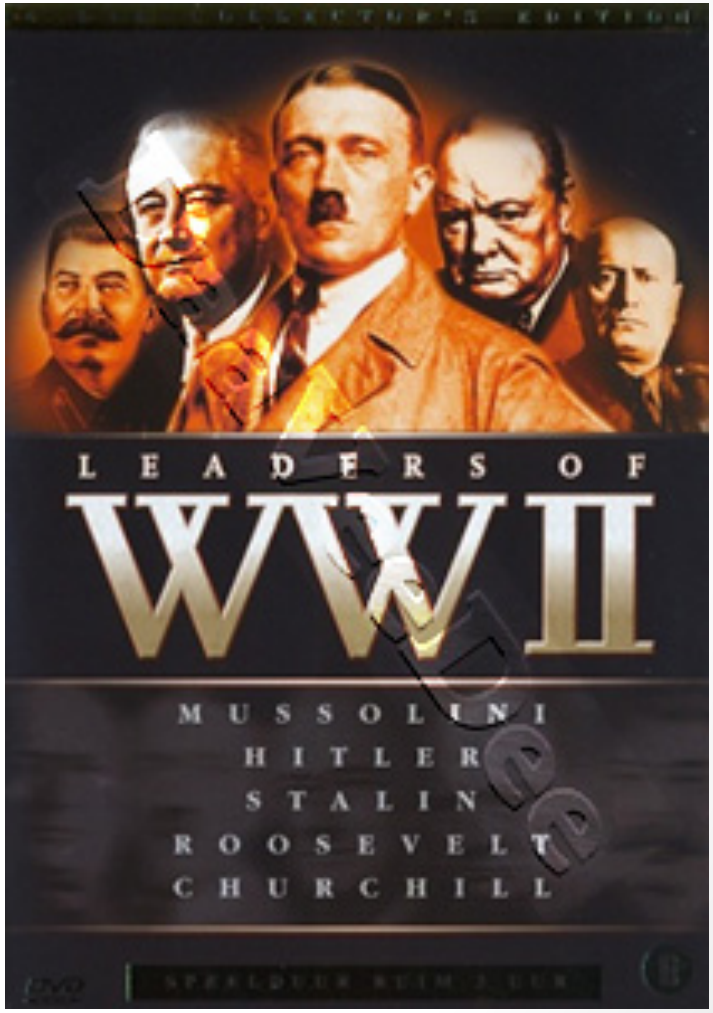
What are the two main themes underlying all of the causes of WWII (A.G.G.R.E.S.S.I.O.N.)?

1. Aggressors invading other countries (Germany, Italy, & Japan drive for empire)

2. No one stopping the aggressors (appeasement and isolationism)

Leaders of WWII

FLT: I will be able to identify the leaders of the Axis and Allied Powers during WWII.



I. Axis Leaders

Adolf Hitler

- Side:
  - Axis
- Country:
  - Germany
- Spread Nazism
- Responsible for WWII and the Holocaust

Benito Mussolini

- Side:
  - Axis
- Country:
  - Italy
- Founded fascism
- Wanted to take over parts of Africa

Emperor Hirohito/Hideki Tojo

- Side:
  - Axis
- Country:
  - Japan
- Hirohito was believed to be a god
- Tojo was prime minister and had the real power

II. Allied Leaders

“The Big Three”

- Stalin
- Roosevelt
- Churchill

Joseph Stalin

- Side:
  - Allied
- Country:
  - USSR
    (Soviet Union)
- Wanted to spread Communism and gain territory

Franklin D. Roosevelt

- Side:
  - Allied
- Country:
  - USA
- Made the New Deal
- Declared war on Japan after Pearl Harbor

Winston Churchill

- Side:
  - Allied
- Country:
  - Great Britain
- Successful in defending G.B. from Germany
- Never Give In!

WWII – Which countries fought?

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxFGq7FHsAo

WWII leaders handout

- In groups, read the biographies of the WWII leaders and complete the chart
- Then use the chart to answer the questions on the back

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1. List the countries/leaders that formed an alliance together on both sides of the war.

Axis Powers

- Germany: Adolf Hitler
- Italy: Benito Mussolini
- Japan: Emperor Hirohito
  Hideki Tojo

Allied Powers

- USSR: Joseph Stalin
- USA: Franklin D. Roosevelt
- GB: Winston Churchill

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2. Why did the countries in the **Axis Powers** form their alliance? What did they all have in common?

- All were led by totalitarian dictators
- All had a drive to expand for an empire
- All had strong nationalist ideas/beliefs and thought they were superior to other countries

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3. Why did the countries in the **Allied Powers** form their alliance? What did they all have in common?

- All had a common enemy – the Nazis
- Most had strong democratic ideals (not USSR)
- Most wanted world peace (USSR wanted land)

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4. List other countries that got involved in WWII for each side.

Axis Powers

- Hungary
- Romania
- Bulgaria

Allied Powers

- France
- Poland
- Czechoslovakia
- China
- Australia
- South Africa
- Canada
- Norway
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Ethiopia
- New Zealand
- India
- Mexico
- Greece
- Yugoslavia