Annotated Map:

Major Events of World War 2

Choose 8-10 of the most important events during WW2 and annotate your map with EACH event! Make educated guesses; I don’t expect perfection; just excellent effort.

Each event should have all relevant information potentially including:

1) arrows showing troop/country movement

2) dates

3) brief explanation of event.

In addition to these events, please annotate your map with definitions of the following terms:

**isolationism, appeasement, Lend-lease act, Non-aggression Pact, and Munich Conference.**

You may use any resource at your disposal to complete this assignment!

**October 1935:** Italy attacks Ethiopia. Wanted a colonial empire, didn’t think the League of Nations had the strength to stop them (because of inaction against Japan). League condemned attack, but did nothing. Britain let Italian troops pass through Suez canal, hoped to keep the peace in Europe.

**March 1935:** Hitler declares that Germany is rebuilding their armed forces. League issues mild condemnation. “Today Germany! Tomorrow the World!”

**1935:** US adopts policy of **isolationism**, to avoid ties to countries in Europe.

**March 1936:** Germany invades Rhineland. Introduction of **appeasement,** giving in to an aggressor to keep the peace. Hitler later admitted he would have backed down if challenged.

* + - Strengthened Hitler’s power
		- Balance of power changed (France and Belgium open to attack)
		- Weak response 🡪 Hitler sped up expansion

**October 1936:** Allies with Italy, adds Japan a month later. **Axis Powers**

**1936-1939:** Germany and Italy support Franco in Spanish civil war, leads to a dictator in Spain as well.

**July 1937:** Japan invades China, starting Pacific War.

**March 1938:** Hitler invades Austria and annexed it. France and Britain do nothing. Met no resistance, only cheering crowds.Forbidden by TofV.

**September 1938:** Hitler demands part of Czechoslovakia**. Munich conference** agrees to give Hitler the Sudetanland, Hitler promises to respect new borders. USSR not invited.

**1939:** Hitler takes over Czechoslovakia, Mussolini seizes Albania.

**1939:** Germany and USSR **sign nonaggression pact**. Hitler can invade Poland after USSR takes control of fighting with Japan in the East.Lets Hitler avoid a 2 front war. Divides Eastern Europe.

**September 1, 1939:** Hitler invades Poland

**September 3, 1939:** France and Britain declare war on Germany. WWII has begun.

**September 27, 1939:** USSR invades Poland from East. USSR and Germany divide Poland.

**Allies:**

* + - 1939- France, UK (and colonies), Poland
		- 1940- Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Lux, Netherlands, Greece, Yugoslavia
		- 1941- USSR, USA (also much of central and south America)

**Axis:** Not a close alliance, mostly fought on own, didn’t share.

* + - Germany, Italy, Japan
		- 1941- Slovakia, Hungary, Romania**,** Bulgaria

**March 1941:** Lend Lease Act, US give supplies to Britain to aid their war effort. Step away from isolationism, last attempt to help allies without actually getting involved.

**April 1941:** Japan and USSR sign non-aggression pact.

**June 1941:** Hitler invades USSR in Operation Barbarossa. Caught Stalin by surprise. Japan forced to pull out of USSR, concentrate on US offensive in Pacific after bombing of Pearl Harbor in Dec. 1941.

**May 1945:** Germany surrenders

**September 1945:** Japan surrenders