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WALT to understand how the actions of Hitler threatened European peace

S2S: I can

- create a sequencing of events



Britain at War

Key question 1

- If the First World War was so horrific, why did Britain go to war again just 20 years later?

The next slides and the next lesson will help you to understand.

Read each heading and the information in each section.

Make sure you understand all the information before completing the activities set in today's lesson and the next lesson.

What was appeasement?

It was the way the British government dealt with Hitler's Germany before the Second World War. It is mostly associated with the British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Hitler was allowed to take over areas of land in Europe, without a fight, in the hope that he would stop making any further demands.

It is similar to giving way to a bully hoping he/she will go away.



**The steps that
led to war**

Step 1

Hitler takes Germany out of the League of Nations set up after the First World War to keep peace.

Step 2

Hitler sets out to destroy the Treaty of Versailles which punished Germany after the First World War.

Step 3

Hitler starts to build up his armed forces, even though the treaty said he shouldn't.

Step 4

In 1936 German troops re-occupied the Rhineland (see map) against the Treaty of Versailles and Britain and France did nothing to stop him.

Step 5

In 1938 Germany joined up with Austria, an act which was forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles.

Step 6

In late 1938 Hitler moved his troops into the area of Czechoslovakia called the Sudetenland (see map).

At the Munich conference he said this was the last demand for land he would make.

Step 7

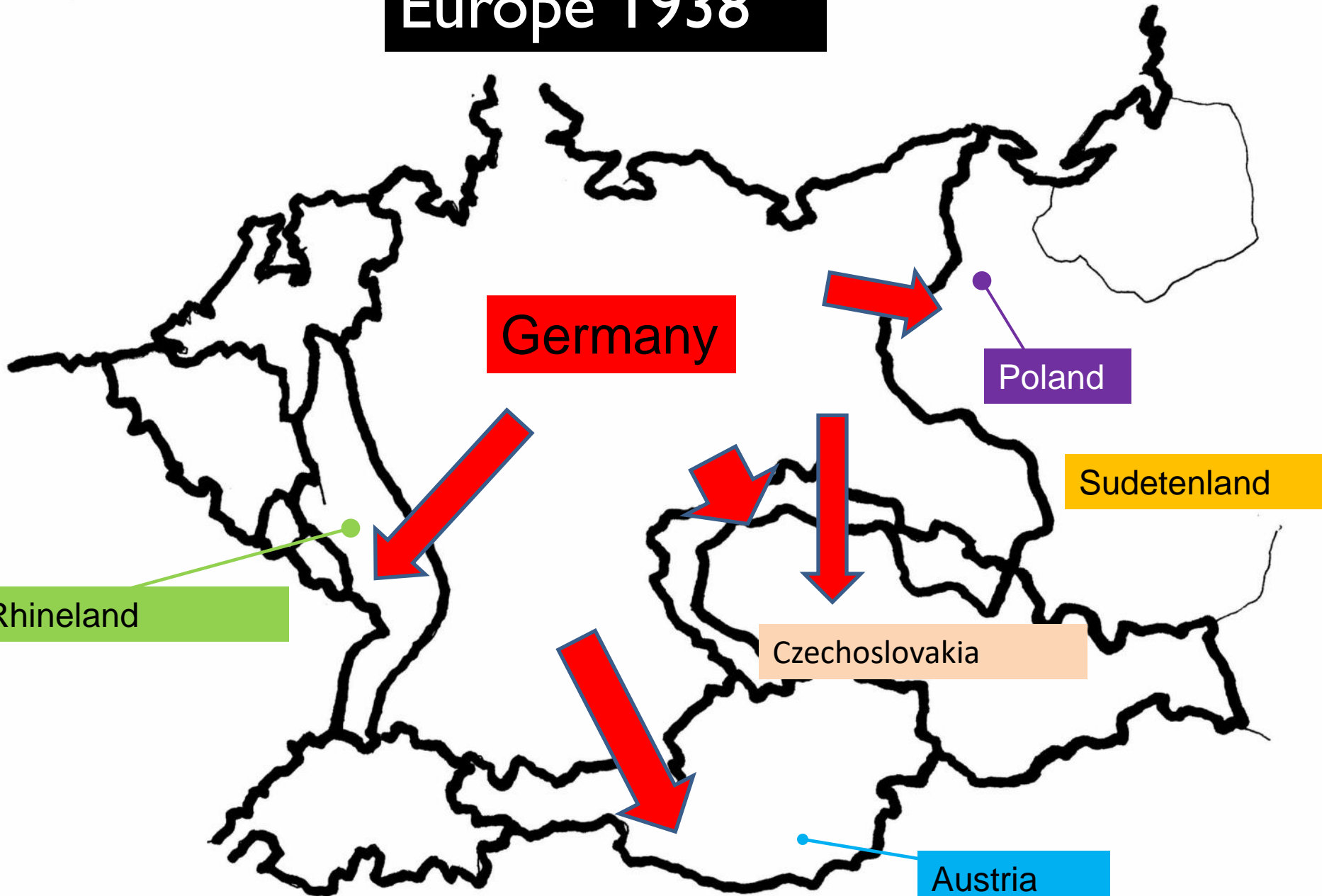
Six months later in March 1939 he invaded the rest of Czechoslovakia, breaking the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

Again, Britain and France did not intervene.

Step 8

In September 1939 Germany invaded Poland. Britain went to war.

Europe 1938



Germany

Poland

Sudetenland

Rhineland

Czechoslovakia

Austria

Activity - Timeline

In your books create a time for the 8 steps of war. Include:

- the date
- a very brief description of the event
- some wonderful drawings

Examples of time lines:

