"FOR MY PART, I PREFER FIFTY THOUSAND RIFLES TO FIVE MILLION VOTES."

— BENITO MUSSOLINI
UNIT 6 - DAY 2

AGGRESSION
BEFORE THE WAR
BEFORE WE BEGIN...

LET'S SET THE SCENE!
By 1935, the world was under siege by every dictator on Earth!
The Pacific and Asia were in the crosshairs of Japan.
Africa was being carved up by the powers of Europe.
Western and eastern Europe were targeted by Hitler.

And so...
LET'S LOOK AT
AGGRESSION IN THE PACIFIC
Sensing a weak LON, militaristic Japan targeted defenseless neighbors in Asia & the Pacific. They looked to acquire resources, strategic territory for their vast empire.

1931 - Japan invades the resource-rich Chinese province of Manchuria. Japan had an Asian land base within months.

1937 - Tojo orders the full-scale invasion of China & seizes control.

1941 - Tojo takes French Indochina (Vietnam). Japan seized control of colonies & oil fields of European powers.
Japan Invades Manchuria, 1931

- **Japanese territory as of 1928**
- **Manchuria**
AGGRESSION IN AFRICA
By 1935, Africa’s defenseless free nations had been poached by the European powers. Germany held stakes in North Africa, European powers divided the rest.

1935 - Mussolini begins his quest for a new Roman Empire by invading Ethiopia, one of Africa’s last free nations.

Emperor Haile Selassie appeals to the weak LON for help.

Economic sanctions are enacted w/o effect & Italy takes control in 1936.
AGGRESSION IN EUROPE
1933 - Hitler pulls Germany out of League of Nations once elected.

Hitler immediately turns his attention to the fragile new democracies formed at Versailles. These nations were formed from territory lost by Austria, Russia, and Germany after WWI.

HITLER'S GOAL

UNITE ALL GERMANIC PEOPLE EVERYWHERE AROUND THE WORLD UNDER ONE REICH...HIS REICH!
HITLER’S OVERT VIOLATIONS

HE TRIPLED THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN THE GERMAN MILITARY

HE REBUILT THE GERMAN ECONOMY WITH WEAPONS MANUFACTURING AND REARMAMENT

HE REMILITARIZED THE RHINELAND WITH GERMAN TROOPS ALONG THE FRENCH BORDER

HE OPENLY REFUSED TO PAY GERMAN WAR REPARATIONS

X VIOLATION
X VIOLATION
X VIOLATION
X VIOLATION
CLOSURE

Write THREE things you learned today about:

1) Japanese and Italian invasions of the 30s
2) Hitler’s violations of the Versailles Treaty
3) The reaction of the League of Nations and the world community to aggression