USDL3) the Second World War and the origins of the modern American security state

In the 1920's America was not part of a single alliance by the late 1940's however we had NATO ANSAS Security arrangements with Japan and South Korea

In 1920 it had a very unimpressive military by 1945 it had the most advanced and largest military in the world and also the atomic bomb

The rise and fall of the interwar republican order

- Wilson's democrats were replaced by republicans who repudiated Wilson's and the league of nations, they wanted America to remain isolationist, they did not want to see a return to the status quo
- Harding 1921-23, replaced upon his death by Calvin Coolidge 1923-29
- Harding and collage had some energetic and ambitious people in their party Charles Evans Hughes (lawyer and supreme court, Sec of state) from 1921-25
- Herbert Hoover (sec of commerce) 1921-28 and president from 1929-33
- These were the two people that guided American foreign policy
- Both insisted on no international entanglements arguing that a pox Americana must be created through reason and diplomacy not through arms
- Individualism in international economic life
- Unlike Wilson they were unwilling to commit America to international alliances

Examples of diplomacy

- 1920's - Washington naval conference 1921-22, five leading naval powers of the day to head of an arms race by getting the powers to slash the size of their navy dramatically around the region of 50%
- The conference limited capital ships (battleships) to 50,000 tons for the US and GB
- Naval powers were horrified with Japan believing they would be made defenseless and Britons pride hurt however the politicians pushed it through and it was highly effective the Dawes plan 1924 - the war had left Europe economically crippled
- The US is booming during this period it went from a 3 billion national debt to a 3 billion surplus
- The Japanese agreed with disarmament due to floating the big loans on wall street
- The Plan was negotiated in 1924 securing private US loans to Germany to maintain payments to France and GB who in term could maintain payments to the US
- The US government kept the whole thing at arms length drafted by expert representative whose loans came from private bankers

Humanitarianism -

- Relationship between Japan and the US were resentful mainly due to naval policy and immigration policy