• The people of Britain realised that they had been tricked, and decided that war was inevitable.
• It improved the war morale of the British people, who knew they had done everything possible to avoid war.

Spanish civil war enabled Hitler to fight against the communist and to try out his new armed forces.

**Pearl Harbour**

The Japanese brought the United States into the Second World War as a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941.
The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise attack by the Japanese on an important US naval base.
The attack made public opinion in the USA switch overnight to pro-war patriotism.
The US declared war on Japan.
Three days after 11th December Hitler declared war on the USA.

**Explain why Italy and Japan were an increasing threat to world peace in the 1930s.**

• Both were threatening to other countries.
• Japan was the most important power in Asia.
• In Japan there was tension between the military and the politicians.
• Mussolini followed an aggressive foreign policy.
• Both countries wanted to improve upon what they had gained after the First World War.
• Anti-Comintern Pact signed by Japan and Germany.

‘Italy was badly hit by the Great Depression. When unemployment rose Mussolini turned to foreign adventures to distract Italian people from their troubles at home. Despite warnings they invaded Abyssinia. Britain and France did not want to provoke Mussolini as they feared he would move towards Hitler thus creating a threat to world peace.’