February responding to mysterious Reichstag fire, receives emergency powers, ending the democracy

- German Expansion
  - Under Hitler, Germany rebuilds military
  - 1938 Germany annexes Austria, justified with bogus plebiscite
  - Then invades Czechoslovakia
  - France and England do nothing for “peace in our time”

- WWII Begins
  - Hitler - Stalin Pact allows partition of Poland between the Soviet Union and Germany
  - In 1939 they invade and Britain and France declare war
  - 1940 Germany occupies France
  - 1941 Germany attacks Soviet Union
  - Months later, Japan attacks at Pearl Harbor, bringing the US into the war.

- In the East
  - Since 1910, Japan had colonized Korea
  - 1931 Japan occupied Manchuria
  - 1937 Japan invades China proper

- “Asian Holocaust”
  - Known as the rape of Nanking
  - Unit 731, American cover-up
  - "comfort women"
  - Induced famine in Vietnam and Indonesia

- New alliances formed for WWII
  - Axis Powers:
    - Germany, Italy and Japan
  - Allies
    - Britain, France then later on, Soviet Union and United States

- 1945 Allies victorious in Europe, then Japan
  - Atomic Bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the US to end WWII

- Japan and WWII
  - During WWI Japan supported the allies
  - Increased trade to the west
  - However, when the Great Depression hit trading partners started to isolate themselves
  - Cut off Japan
  - Japan went through tough times during the Great Depression
  - Canada, USA and Australia did not allow Japanese immigrants