****Golden knowledge: Germany – Hitler’s Foreign Policy**

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| **Topic** | **Golden knowledge** | **Know it?** |
| **Hitler’s Foreign Policy Aims** | GrossDeutschland – Greater Germany by uniting all German speaking people |  |
| Reverse TOV |  |
| Lebensraum |  |
| Destroy communism |  |
| **Developments 1933-1935** | Disarmament conference, failed, Hitler left the League |  |
| Agreement with Poland – made Poland feel safe |  |
| Failed Anschluss attempt 1934 |  |
| Stressa Front |  |
| Saarland returned to Germany |  |
| Conscription reintroduced in 1935 – aim at 1,400,000 by 1939. 26 billion spent on producing tanks, aircraft and ships by 1939 (risen from 3.5 billion in 1933) |  |
| **Main Nazi agreements with other countries** | Non-aggression pact with Poland 1934 |  |
| Rome-Berlin Axis 1936 |  |
| Pact of Steel 1939 |  |
| Nazi-Soviet Pact 1939 |  |
| **Rhineland** | Demilitarised under TOV, allied troops withdrawn in 1935 |  |
| Reoccupied in March 1936 |  |
| Hitler sent his entire army, with orders to withdraw if Britain and France objected – they didn’t! |  |
| Made Hitler feel confident he could challenge the territorial terms of the treaty again |  |
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| **Anschluss** | After pressure put on Austria government and chaos caused by Austria Nazi party – union formally took place with Austria (1938) |  |
| Hitler and Mussolini allies- so knew there would be no opposition this time from Mussolini. GB and France did nothing, again. (Appeasement) |  |
| 99.75% of Austrian agreed to union under Nazis run vote |  |
| **Sudetenland** | 1938 |  |
| 3 million Germans lived in this area of Czechoslovakia |  |
| ¾ of Czechoslovakia’s industry was there and their military fortifications |  |
| Nazis stirred up trouble and Hitler then threatened to go in and defend Sudetenland Germans from the Czechs. |  |
| GB, France and Italy agreed at Munich that Germany could have Sudetenland if they left the rest of Czechoslovakia alone – Hitler agreed |  |
| **Czechoslovakia** | March 1939 – Germany invited in to restore order (no actual disorder) and took control of country. Appeasement ended. GB and France continue to rearm ready for war. |  |
| **Poland** | Hitler demanded Polish Corridor. GB guaranteed Poland’s borders. From April 1939 Germany’s plan to invade Poland was organised. Waited for agreement with USSR before invading on 1st September 1939. By 3rd September 1939 war was declared. |  |