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Good Morning Students!

This lesson is of Class X for the Subject of History and Civics chapter 12 The Second World War given on Page number 127 of your textbook titled Total History and civics and is being submitted to you on 16.12.24

All students may kindly open page number 127 of their textbook. If you are ready then I will start with the explanation of the chapter.

The instability created by the First World War and the harsh peace treaties signed thereafter, set the stage for another international conflict, which broke out just two decades later in 1939. This War called the Second World War, proved to be even more devastating than the first one.

Roughly about twenty years, nine months after the end of the First World War, the second World War broke out on 1 September 1939. It was a global military conflict which involved a majority of the world's nations, including all of the great powers, organized into two opposing military alliances; the Allies and the Axis. Over 70 million people, the majority of them civilians, were killed, making it the deadliest conflict in human history.

Causes of the Second World War:-

The following were the chief causes of the Second World War:

(1) Dissatisfaction with the Treaty of Versailles:-

The Treaty of Versailles by which the First World War came to an end, was one-sided. It was

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very harsh. It was a dictated peace and Germany was forced to sign it. The defeated nations, especially Germany had to give many of her territories, and all her colonies were forcibly taken away from her. Germany was divided into two parts for the benefit of Poland. She was burdened with huge war-indemnity which she could never pay. Her military power was considerably reduced. The treatment given to her was based on the spirit of revenge. Consequently, the treaty created hatred in the minds of the Germans. It was a black spot for the Germans and they wanted to wash it away. This could never be done without armament and as such war became quite inevitable.

[2] Rise of Fascism and Nazism :-

Adolf Hitler's rise in Germany: Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933. Immediately after coming to power, he began building up Germany's army and weapons. He increased the size of the army, began building warships and created a German airforce. Compulsory military service was introduced. He annexed Austria and Czechoslovakia. Hitler made important alliances with Italy and Japan.

Benito Mussolini's rise in Italy: Italy came under the leadership of Benito Mussolini when he seized power. Mussolini was eager to increase the size of the Italian Empire for several reasons.

- (1) A large empire would provide the much needed raw materials required to help Italian industry.

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and military expansion.

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- (2) An extended empire would send out a clear message of strength to the world and add to national prestige.
- (3) Expansion would provide land for the expanding population to live on.

Thus, Mussolini attacked Abyssinia and signed the Rome - Berlin - Tokyo Axis Pact with Germany and Japan.

(3) Japanese Invasion of China:

Another cause of the Second World War was the Japanese policy of expansion. The ambitions of Japan increased after the First World War. Though Japan and China fought on the side of the Allies in the First World War yet Japan got more concessions than China. She developed her navy and she greatly increased her strength. In 1931, she attacked China and captured Manchuria. Again there was a war between Japan and China in 1937. Many Chinese cities fell into the hands of the Japanese. During the Second World War Japan joined the Rome - Berlin Tokyo Axis and entered the war in 1941 to satisfy her hunger for more territories.

Before we go any further, children it's Question time. Please write the answers in your note-book.

Q1. How was the Treaty of Versailles responsible for the Second World War?

Q2. How did the rise of Fascism in Italy lead to the Second World War?

Q3. Which countries formed the Rome - Berlin - Tokyo Axis?

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children I hope you have finished writing the answers lets continue.

(4) Failure of the League of Nations:-

The League of Nations was set up to maintain peace in the world and to prevent wars. But it proved quite weak and failed to achieve her objectives. She did not have military power to implement her decisions and to punish the defaulters. Again, there was a lack of cooperation among the member-nations and they wanted to use the League for their own purposes.

When Italy annexed Abyssinia, Japan annexed Manchuria and Germany annexed Austria and Czechoslovakia the League of Nations could not take any action against them, so the member nations lost their faith in the League and started preparing the war materials on a large scale.

(5) Hitler's Invasion of Poland:- Immediate cause of the Second World War:-

By the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was divided into two parts in order to give a land-route to Poland upto the sea and the Port of Danzing was also handed over to Poland. This was too much for Germany and so she demanded it back and without waiting for the reply she attacked Poland on September 1, 1939. England asked Germany to vacate Poland but Germany refused to do so. So on September 3, 1939. England declared War on Germany. Thus began the Second World War in 1939.

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With this explanation I end this interactive session

I hope you all have understood the chapter.

Please do the following Questions in your note-book.

Q1. State how each of the following factors were the causes of the Second World War:-

- (1) The failure of the League of Nations.
- (2) The Aggressive Nationalism of Germany.
- (3) The grievances of Germany against the Treaty of Versailles of 1919.
- (4) Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939.

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