**Unit 11: World War II in Colour the Gathering Storm**

**Instructions:** Answer video questions while watching the video. All questions will go in order.

**1.** What is the official start date of WWII? (Hint: It begins when Germany invades Poland)

**2.** What happens to Germany’s Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm shortly after the end of WWI?

**3.** Who do Germans blame for their loss in WWI?

**4.** What was Congress’ (USA) justification for not joining the League of Nations?

**5.** What government replaces Kaiser Wilhelm in Germany?

**6.** How did inflation in Germany actually aid Hitler in rising to power?

**7.** What was the largest political party in the German Reichstag in 1932? Who was appointed chancellor of Germany?

**8.** How did Hitler initially help relieve the Depression in Germany and create jobs?

**9.** What region did Hitler re-occupy in 1935?

**10.** What was Britain and France’s response to Hitler’s actions?

**11.** What did the Nuremburg laws do to Jewish Germans?

**12.** Why would the Japanese have been interested in Chinese Manchuria?

**13.** What was “distracting” America after the end of WWI? (both good and bad)

**14.** What did the Japanese do in 1931?

**15.** How effective was the League of Nations in halting Japanese imperialism?

**16.** How did the West respond to Japanese actions in China in the late 1930’s?

**17.** Why was Mussolini and his fascist political party able to gain popularity so quickly in Italy?

**18.** What positive things did Mussolini do in his first years ruling Italy?

**19.** Why would Britain and France not want to engage in any future wars?

**20.** Who led a coup d’état to overthrow their government beginning the Spanish civil war?

**21.** Was why Hitler so willing to help Franco in Spain? (Hint: what was in it for Hitler?)

**22.** What new technology did Hitler borrow from British ideas and plan to use to his advantage in building his German empire?

**23.** How did Britain and France respond to Hitler breaking the Treaty of Versailles?

**24.** What new territory was Hitler interested in annexing in 1938?

**25.** Austria responds to Hitler by holding a referendum (vote) to decide if they wanted to become unified with Germany as one country, but Hitler feared the vote may not go his way. So what did he do to ensure he gained Austria?

**26.** How did the West respond to these actions by Hitler?

**28.** What did Hitler promise British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain he would do if they granted him the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia at the Munich Conference? Did he keep the promise?

**29.** What solution did Hitler and Stalin come up with to deal with their mutual fears of one another?