**World War II Notes I**

**Appeasement**

-Germany argues it needs more living space (Lebensraum)

-Annexes (takes over) parts of Czechoslovakia

-argues there are a lot German speakers there

Britain lets it happen

-Neville Chamberlain wants to avoid war

**Beginning of War**

-Germany invades Poland (1939)

-takes less than a month

-uses “blitzkrieg” warfare

-take out enemy’s key points (airports, power, etc.)

-use planes and fast moving tanks/vehicles

**Axis Allies**

Germany-Adolf Hitler Britain-Winston Churchill

Italy-Benito Mussolini USA-FDR

Japan-Emperor Tojo Russia-Joseph Stalin

-Admiral Hirohito

**Takeover of France**-takes less than two months

-French officials flee and set up resistance movements

**U.S. Involvement**-tries to stay neutral

-Lend Lease Act-US loans supplies and bases to allies (ends neutrality)

**Japan** invades French Indochina (Vietnam)

-U.S. and Allies respond by putting embargo on Japan

-Japan short on oil so has to take over Allied possessions