

<b>Prelude to World War II and America's Responses</b>		
<b>Act</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>1931 - Japan invades North Manchuria</b>	League of Nations reprimand; U.S. issues <i>Stimson Doctrine</i> , refuses to recognize Japan's claim to these territories	Japan quits League of Nations, annexes Chinese conquests
<b>1935 - Italy invades Ethiopia</b>	U.S. passes <i>Neutrality Act</i> , no arms sales to aggressors. League of Nations reprimand	Italy conquers and annexes part of Ethiopia
<b>1936 - Germany invades Rhineland Region</b>	No response	Germany builds fortifications along the Rhine River in violation of the Treaty of Versailles
<b>1936 - Germany and Italy back Franco in the Spanish Civil War</b>	U.S. broadens <i>Neutrality Acts</i> to include arms trade ban for civil war aggressors	Franco is victorious, becomes "silent partner" for Axis alliance
<b>1937 - Japan invades China</b>	FDR calls for "quarantine" of aggressor nations. League of Nations fails with trade embargo against Japan	Japan conquers and occupies most of N.E. China
<b>1938 - Germany invades Austria</b>	No response	Germany proclaims "Anschluss" – unification of Germany and Austria
<b>1938 - Germany claims Czech Territory</b>	Britain and France appease Hitler, allow Germans to take over area at Munich Conference	Germany annexes Sudetenland region
<b>1939- Italy invades Albania</b>	No response	Italy conquers and occupies Albania
<b>1939 - Germany and U.S.S.R. invade Poland</b>	Britain and France declare war; U.S. modifies <i>Neutrality Acts</i> to allow "cash and carry"	World War II begins