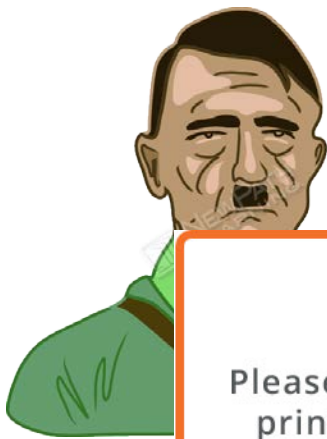


WORLD WAR II

After World War I and the Great Depression, many countries all over the world were trying to come back from an economic recession. In certain countries, such as Germany, political parties were formed in response to this problem. **Adolf Hitler**, the leader of such a party, made the decision to take matters into his own hands. He developed a philosophy for Germany and ignore the **Treaty of Versailles**. Soon, Germany was at war with many European countries and so began the reign of the Nazi Party. Germany soon **invaded Poland** and World War II was set in motion.



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The United States entered the war on Japan, an Axis Power. This marked the entrance of the United States into WWII. The United States became an important force in the war; the development of an **atomic bomb** and the use of the bomb in **Hiroshima** were two significant events during this time.



By the end of the war, many countries had seen devastation and the Nazi's were responsible for killing millions of people, including 6 million Jews in what is known as the **Holocaust**. Following WWII, several Nazi leaders responsible for much of the **genocide** were put on trial and charged with crimes against humanity.



The aftermath of the Holocaust led to the creation of the United Nations, an international organization that had replaced the League of Nations. The UN was created to promote international cooperation and peace.



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