



Steps to World War II – How To Use this Unit

The activities in this unit are intended to be used sequentially. However, activities can be omitted or their order can be changed at a teacher's discretion.

Activity 1 – Seven steps to WWII

Open the activity by clicking the *Start Activity* link. This animation highlights the seven major global events that contributed to the commencement of the Second World War. Click on the glowing parts of the map to learn about each event. (The list, in chronological order, is displayed in the upper right.)

Activity 2 – Hitler's Spiral of Aggression

Open the link by clicking the *Start Activity* button. As Hitler prepared to launch the Second World War, his course through Europe traces a spiral. Use this activity as a quiz or as a study guide to help students track the major steps that Hitler took between 1936 and 1940. The map can be turned on and off using the slider at the bottom of the screen. This will display the spiral of aggression more prominently.