Hitler's plans

Section 1
We have now looked at events in Germany and examined what the new leader, Hitler, may have in mind. The evidence available for this has been . . .

Section 2
Taken at face value, some of Hitler's statements are worrying. In eastern Europe he plans . . .

As far as western Europe is concerned . . .

He also says a lot about the Treaty of Versailles . . .

Section 3
There are doubts about how serious Hitler is, and whether our evidence is totally reliable . . .

Section 4
The British must consider their policies carefully. On the one hand, as a member of the League, Britain must . . .

which means . . .

On the other hand, a strong Communist government in the USSR means . . .
## WORKSHEET 3.2
**Hitler and the Treaty of Versailles**

Use this sheet to help you with the Focus Task on page 47.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terms of the Treaty of Versailles</th>
<th>What Hitler did and when</th>
<th>The reasons he gave for his actions</th>
<th>The response from Britain and France</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Germany's armed forces to be severely limited</td>
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<td>The Rhineland to be a demilitarised zone</td>
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<td>Germany forbidden to unite with Austria</td>
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<td>The Sudetenland taken into the new state of Czechoslovakia</td>
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<td>The Polish Corridor given to Poland</td>
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</table>
## WORKSHEET 3.3
Consequences of the failure of the League in the 1930s

Use this sheet to help you with the Focus Task on page 52.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Failure of the League</th>
<th>Did it help Hitler directly?</th>
<th>Did it damage Hitler's opponents?</th>
<th>Did it create a situation which Hitler could exploit?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Manchuria</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disarmament</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abyssinia</td>
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</table>

### Extension

‘By failing to resist aggression in the 1930s, the League of Nations made Hitler’s work easy.’ How fair is this judgement on the actions of the League in the 1930s?

Organise your answer into paragraphs.

**Paragraph 1:** Your view (e.g. it is fair; it is not fair; it is partially fair)

**Paragraph 2:** Manchuria – how this event supports the judgement

**Paragraph 3:** Disarmament – how this event supports the judgement

**Paragraph 4:** Abyssinia – how this event supports the judgement

**Paragraph 5:** Balancing the argument – the League’s problems

**Paragraph 6:** Your conclusion (e.g. more the League’s fault than not)
### WORKSHEET 3.4

**Appeasement sorting cards**

You can use these cards for revision purposes and to help with the Activity on page 55 and the Focus Task on page 65.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>At least Hitler is standing up to Communism.</th>
<th>Hitler is right – the Treaty of Versailles is unfair.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Our own economic problems are a higher priority.</td>
<td>We must not repeat the horrors of the Great War.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>It scared the USSR.</td>
<td>It put too much trust in Hitler’s promises.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The attitude of Britain’s Empire</td>
<td>The USA will not support us if we stand up to Hitler.</td>
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<tr>
<td>It encouraged Hitler to be aggressive.</td>
<td>Britain is not ready for war.</td>
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<td>It allowed Germany to grow too strong.</td>
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</table>
### WORKSHEET 3.5  
**Munich diaries**

Use this sheet to help you with the Activity on page 58.

Write your diary extracts in the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event(s)</th>
<th>Chamberlain's view</th>
<th>Hitler's view</th>
<th>Beneš's view</th>
<th>Ordinary citizen's view</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>March 1938</td>
<td>Anschluss between Germany and Austria</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 1938</td>
<td>Nazis in Sudetenland stir up trouble and ask for union with Germany</td>
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<tr>
<td>15 September</td>
<td>Chamberlain flies to meet Hitler</td>
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<tr>
<td>19 September</td>
<td>French and British put their plans to Beneš</td>
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<tr>
<td>22/23 September</td>
<td>Hitler increases his demands</td>
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<td>29 September</td>
<td>Munich Agreement</td>
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<td>1 October</td>
<td>German troops enter the Sudetenland</td>
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</table>
WORKSHEET 3.6

Headline news, 30 September 1938

Use this sheet to help you with the Activity on page 59. Next to each headline you write, note down what type of newspaper it could have come from.

Extension

Choose one of the headlines and write a short article to go with it. Make sure that the article supports your headline. Find quotations, cartoons and maps that support your view from pages 54–59.
WORKSHEET 3.7A

Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?

Use this writing frame to help you with the Focus Task on page 66.

This writing frame encourages you to think about the relative importance of the different factors.

Paragraph 1:
(This is the place to explain how resentment against the Versailles Treaty brought Hitler to power in the first place and guided his actions in the 1930s.)

There were important long-term factors which help to explain why war broke out in 1939. One factor was the Versailles Treaty. It was important because …

Paragraph 2:
(Here you should explain how the failure of the League encouraged Hitler and made him think he could achieve his aims.)

The failure of the League of Nations in the 1930s also contributed towards the outbreak of war. This was because …

Paragraph 3:
(Here you should explain how the Depression was an underlying cause of the failure of the League, Japan’s aggression and Hitler’s rise to power.)

Economic factors also played an important role. The worldwide economic Depression …

Paragraph 4:
(Here you should briefly describe what Appeasement was, and how instead of stopping Hitler it encouraged him. You could also point out the links between Appeasement and the Depression.)

Another factor which helps to explain the outbreak of war was the policy of Appeasement. Appeasement …

Paragraph 5:
(Here you should explain how the Nazi–Soviet Pact led to the invasion of Poland and how that in turn led to war. You could also point out that these short-term factors probably could not have happened if there had not been a policy of Appeasement.)

There were also key short-term factors which actually sparked off the war. One of these was …

Paragraph 6:
(Here you should indicate which factor(s) you think were most important. This is where you should bring in any of the factors you discussed in stage 5 of the Focus Task.)

All of these factors played important roles. However, [INSERT YOUR CHOICE OF FACTOR(S)] was / were particularly important because …
WORKSHEET 3.7B  How did international peace collapse in the 1930s?

Use this writing frame to help you with the Focus task on page 66.

This writing frame focuses on describing how the various causes led to war.

Paragraph 1: (Explain how and why Hitler was pledged to reverse the Treaty of Versailles and to increase German territory.)

When Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933 . . .

Paragraph 2: (Explain how the failure of the League of Nations in Manchuria and in Abyssinia made it easier for Hitler to achieve his objectives.)

In the 1930s there were two incidents that really tested the League of Nations . . .

Paragraph 3: (Explain how the policy of Appeasement allowed Hitler to get away with this. Explain also why Britain and France followed this policy of Appeasement.)

In 1936 Hitler began his policy of reclaiming lost German territory . . .

Paragraph 4: (Explain how the Nazi–Soviet Pact helped Hitler and Stalin.)

In 1939 Hitler made an agreement with Stalin . . .

Paragraph 5: (Explain how the invasion of Poland led to war in Europe.)

When Hitler invaded Poland in 1939, Britain and France . . .

Paragraph 6: (Reach your own conclusion about the importance of the various causes.)

Although it was Hitler’s actions which led to war, many other factors were important in making the war happen . . .
Below are some examples of the kind of questions you will face in an exam. But unlike in an exam you have your textbook to help you. So whilst you rummage around in the textbook to find the sources, take time to notice what the text says about it: what the caption says; what other sources are there. This will all add to your background knowledge which is so important in the exams. You won’t have the textbook to help you in an exam, of course, but this is not an exam, this is training.

Before you start you should also look up the Exam Focus guidance for Paper 1 Core which is in your textbook on pages 206–208.

### Exam training for Chapter 1

**Compulsory question 1 style**

1 a) Study Source 17 on page 11 of your textbook. What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [7]

b) Explain why the Germans were so opposed to the Treaty of Versailles. [8]

**Optional question 2 style**

2 a) What were President Wilson’s Fourteen Points? [4]

b) Explain why President Wilson was dissatisfied with the Treaty of Versailles. [6]

c) ‘The Treaty was the best that could be achieved in the circumstances.’ How far do you agree with this statement? [10]

### Exam training for Chapter 2

**Compulsory question 1 style**

1 a) Study Source 18 on page 42 of your textbook. What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [7]

b) Explain why the Abyssinian crisis damaged the League of Nations. [8]

**Optional question 2 style**

2 a) What was the role of the Council of the League of Nations? [4]

b) Explain why the USA did not join the League of Nations. [6]

c) ‘The League of Nations was a success in the 1920s.’ How far do you agree with this statement? [10]

### Exam training for Chapter 3

**Compulsory question 1 style**

1 a) Study Source 45 on page 63 of your textbook. What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [7]

b) Explain why Chamberlain followed the policy of Appeasement in 1938. [8]

**Optional question 2 style**

2 a) What was the Anschluss? [4]

b) Explain why Hitler rearmed Germany. [6]

c) Which was more important in causing the Second World War: the flaws in the Treaty of Versailles or Hitler’s foreign policy? [10]