

Part Eight: Appeasement and the Road to War, 1918–1939

<p>A study of Nazi foreign policy 1933–39 and the steps leading to the outbreak of war, illustrating themes of ideology, aggression, appeasement and power.</p>	
Mandatory content	Illustrative areas
Paris Peace Treaties and the League of Nations, to 1933	The treaty of Versailles and its impact on Germany. The formation, aims and organisation of the League of Nations; challenges to the League; its strengths and weaknesses; attempts to promote disarmament.
Nazi foreign policy, 1933–38	The ideas of Nazism and aims of Nazi foreign policy: racism and the claim of Aryan supremacy, anger over Versailles, living space (Lebensraum). Foreign policy in practice: rearmament; reoccupation of the Rhineland; the Anschluss; the crisis in Czechoslovakia and the Munich agreement
British and French appeasement, to 1938	British and French responses to German actions: the policy of appeasement and reasons for its adoption; an assessment of the effectiveness of the policy of appeasement.
Final steps to war, 1938–39	German occupation of Czechoslovakia; Anglo-Polish Alliance; Pact of Steel; Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression pact; the Polish crisis and the declaration of war; reasons for the abandonment of Appeasement and the decision to resist further aggression.