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## **Unit – IV**

**Second World War: Causes, Courses, and Effects**

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# **Causes of the Second World War**

- **Rise of Dictatorship and Failure of Democracies**
- **Race for Armaments**

- **Vindictive and Unjust Treaty of Versailles**
- **Failure of the League of Nations**

- **Aggressive Nationalism and Imperialism**
- **Policy of Appeasement**

# Course of the Second World War

- **Nazi Invasion of Poland**
- **England and France**

- **Hitler's Invasion of Denmark and Norway**
- **Fall of France**
- **Entry of Italy**



- **Hitler attacked Russia**
- **Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis**
  - **Axis Powers**

- **Japan**
- **Pearl Harbour and Entry of America**

- **Ultimate Collapse of the Axis Powers**
- **Surrender of Italy**
- **Surrender of Germany**

- **Surrender of Japan**
- **War Trails**

# Effects of the Second World War

- **Great Holocaust and Destruction**
- **Decolonization**

- **England as Second Rate Power**
- **France War-Ravaged and Lowered in Status**
- **America a Super Power**

- **Soviet Russia Another Super Power**
- **Great Opportunities for Communism**