

# Conflict In Europe Video Study WW2 in Colour

## Survey : Growth of European Tensions

### Syllabus 1.1 – 1.3

#### Episode 1: The Gathering Storm

<https://clickv.ie/w/63Dp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjTgMbkZcbM>



2:30-4:00

1. What was the League of Nations?
2. What was the time bomb?

4:00-5:00

3. What role did the US play in the League of Nations and why?

15:30-20:30

4. Describe what happened with Japan at the League of Nations

20:30 – 26:30

How did Mussolini become Dictator of Italy?

5. What did he want for Italy?
6. What happened in Abyssinia?
7. What weapons were used?

26:30

8. What two things did the aggression reveal?

27:00–29:00

9. What were Britain and France's reasons for wanting peace?

What was the Maginot line?

30:00-35:00

10. What happened politically in Spain in 1936?
11. How did Hitler help?
12. What new equipment was given by Mussolini and Hitler?

35:00-40:00

13. What did Britain and France do?

40:00-43:00

14. What did Franco's win mean for Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin?
15. What was the ultimate aim of Hitler?

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16. How did Germany secretly develop tanks?

43:00-45:00

17. What were 3 military announcements by Hitler?

18. What was the response by Britain and France?

### **DEFINE : ANSCHLUSS**

19. When/How did Germany and Austria become united?

45:20-46:30

### **DEFINE : SUDETENLAND**

20. Why was the Sudetenland important to Hitler?

21. What did he do?

46:30-End

22. What did Neville Chamberlain do about Sudetenland?

23. What did Hitler promise?

24. What happened to the Sudetenland?

25. What did Chamberlain wave?

26. What did Hitler want in Poland?

27. What happened to the rest of Czechoslovakia?

28. What did Britain and France declare about Poland?

29. What did Hitler think of Britain and France?

30. What did Stalin do about the German threat?



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## Focus : Course of the European War

### Syllabus 3.1

#### Episode 2 Lightning War

<https://clickv.ie/w/xiEp>

<https://youtu.be/LAGZpJ8FCaU>



0-5:00

1. What was the “aggression” used as an excuse to attack Poland?
2. What did Britain and France do about it?
3. What was the name given to the new kind of warfare used by the Nazis?
4. How were the Panzer Tanks and the Luftwaffe used?
5. Give 5 reasons for Poland’s difficulty in facing the Germans.
6. What was a “pincer” movement?

5:00-10:00

7. Describe the attack on Poland.
8. How did the Nazi-Soviet Pact affect Poland?
9. What happened to Poland territory after the surrender on September 27, 1939?
10. What role did the Einsatzgruppen play?
11. What did Britain and France do after the surrender of Poland?

10:00-15:00

12. What were Hitler’s plans to deal with the British and French in Northern France?
13. Why did Hitler agree to wait until the following spring?
14. How successful were British bomber attacks?
15. Why were leaflets dropped?
16. How did Germany’s Admiral Doenitz plan to use the sea?
17. What advantages did the British Navy have?

#### **DEFINE : BLOCKADE**

18. What weapon did the Germans use to successfully attack the British Navy?

15:00-20:00

19. What was the “technological victory” the British had at sea?
20. What were the American and German terms for the quiet period during the winter of 1940?
21. What did the British Expeditionary Force do in spring?
22. What were the ideas of the French General Maurice Gamelin?
23. Which defensive structure were the French relying on?

20:00-25:00

24. Describe what happened in Finland.

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25. Why did Hitler need to invade Norway and Denmark?

26. Why were the Germans successful in Norway?

25:00-31:00

27. In what way was the original German plan to invade France similar to WW1?

28. Why was the plan altered? (give 3 reasons)

29. What was the new plan, and why did the allies not expect it?

30. What was the “clear advantage” the Germans had?

31. Explain the difference in “philosophy” between the French and Germans.

31:00-40:00

32. Describe the initial attack on Holland and Belgium (the “low countries”).

33. Describe the advance through the Ardennes Forest and into France.

34. Why were the Germans so successful in France? (give 5 reasons)

35. How successful was the BEF (British Expeditionary Force) in France against the Germans?

40:00-End

36. What happened to the British at Dunkirk?

37. What role did the weather play?

38. How successful was Operation Dynamo? (Give some statistics.)

39. After the French surrender, why hadn't the Germans won the war at this point?

If you want to know more about Dunkirk, check out the 2107 film, called Dunkirk.



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### Syllabus 3.3

#### Episode 4 Hitler Strikes East

<https://clickv.ie/w/1iEp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhDzSzsD49o>



0-5:00

1. Why did Hitler want to attack East?
2. Why was Soviet Union unprepared?
3. What happened in Yugoslavia and Greece?

5:00-10:00

4. What advantages did the Red Army (Russia) have?
5. What was the German gamble?
6. Describe Germany's initial success. (territory, prisoners etc)
7. What did Stalin appeal to?
8. Why was Churchill happy?

10:00-15:00

9. What was Hitler's mistake with his troops just outside Moscow?
10. How many troops did Russia mobilise?
11. What was the new improved Russian tank?

11:00-20:00

12. What happened at Leningrad?
13. What was the German superiority when Moscow was approached?
14. Describe the defence of Moscow.
15. How did the weather affect German advances?

20:00-30:00

16. Why was the advance halted over winter?
17. Where did Stalin get his fresh winter troops from?
18. Once Hitler took command what was his order about retreat and surrender?
19. What did Stalin and Marshall Zhukov disagree about?
20. What was Hitler's new headache about?
21. What was the purpose of Operation Blue?



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30:00-41:00

- 22. Describe what happened in Stalingrad.
- 23. What was the effect on Germany of the defeat at Stalingrad?

40:00-end

- 24. How successful was the Soviet counter attacks?
- 25. What were the Soviet advantages?
- 26. How important was Kursk?
- 27. Describe the importance of German failure in Russia.



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### Syllabus 5.1

#### Episode 9 Operation Overlord

<https://clickv.ie/w/9iEp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6GpwJWr86w>



0-10:00

1. What was the new threat Germany was facing?
2. When was the Allied invasion of France planned for?
3. What defences did the Nazis have?
4. What was Rommel concerned about?

10:00-20:00

5. Describe the planning for D-day
6. What were the funnies?
7. How did the Allies keep the landing secret?

20:00-30:00

8. Describe the successes and failures of the D-day landings.
9. What was the German response?

30:00-40:00

10. Describe the fighting over the next few weeks in France.
11. Why was Cherbourg important?
12. What major advantage did the Allies have?

40:00-end

13. What advantage did the Germans have?
14. What was Operation Cobra?
15. What command issues hindered the Germans?

