## Section 1 Notetaking Study Guide

**Question to Think About** As you read Section 1 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **What events led to the outbreak of World War II?**

▶ Use this chart to record key information from the section. Some information has been filled in to get you started.

| Aggression Leads to War | |
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| **Event** | **How It Contributed to World War II** |
| 1. Economic problems and social unrest after World War I | Encouraged the rise of dictators who took control of their countries. |
| 2. Fascism takes hold in Italy and Germany. | _____ was appointed Italy's prime minister. He turned Italy into a Fascist state, which is a political system based on militarism, extreme nationalism, and _____. |
| 3. Adolf Hitler becomes the leader of Germany. | He created a _____ state and passed anti-Semitic laws against the Jews. |
| 4. Japan invades China. | Japan became an aggressive force in the _____ region. |
| 5. Italy invades Ethiopia. | The emperor, _____, appealed to the League of Nations for aid, but Ethiopia fell to Italy. |
| 6. Hitler violates the Treaty of Versailles without punishment and rebuilds Germany's armed forces. | It gave Germany _____ might and it showed Hitler that the _____ were weak. |
| 7. Britain and France sign the Munich Pact with Germany. | They were following a policy of _____ that failed to stop Hitler's aggression. Hitler occupied the _____ in Czechoslovakia. |
| 8. U.S. Congress passes the Neutrality Act. | Forbade the United States from _____ _____ involved in war. |
| 9. Germany and the Soviet Union sign the Nazi-Soviet Pact. | They pledged not to _____ and secretly agreed to _____ |
| 10. Britain and France pledge support to Poland. | When Germany attacked Poland on _____, they _____. |
| **War Begins in Europe**<br>• By June 1940, Britain _____.<br>• In June 1941, Hitler invaded _____. | |

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