Background to WWII

Why did WW2 break out?

1. underline (or highlight) to show the most important words or phrases.
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Conflicts

During the 1930's there were many wars erupting in the world. Countries became more aggressive. Civil war had broken out in Spain. Japan and China were at war over land and Germany started to reclaim what it saw as its land.

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The First World War

Germany lost WW1 to Britain and her allies. Germany had to pay a fine, £6.6 billion, for starting the war and give up some of its land and could only have a few soldiers and a small navy. They also had to sign rules on how to behave, this was called 'The Treaty of Versailles'. Germany wanted revenge.

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The Depression

During the 1930's, millions of people lost their jobs around the world. Money became hard to find and so did food. It became so bad in one town called Jarrow that some men marched to London to tell the Prime Minister how unhappy they were. Banks closed and people lost their savings. In Germany, a whole suitcase of money could only buy a basket of shopping. People started to blame their governments.

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Adolf Hitler

Adolf Hitler became leader of a party of people called Nazis. They believed that Germany should take the land back that they had to give away after the First World War. He told people if they support him they would have jobs. He said he would reclaim land and money for the German people. He became very powerful and wanted to take over the world!

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