

Steps Toward War

Directions: Japan, Germany, and Italy made a series of aggressive moves against other regions during the 1930s. Each move was a large step toward the outbreak of World War II. For each step listed below, describe the response by the League of Nations and Western democracies. What pattern emerges from your answers?

1. **September 1931:** Japan seizes Manchuria.

Response: _____

2. **March 1935:** Germany announces it will ignore Versailles Treaty limitations on size of its army.

Response: _____

3. **October 1935:** Italy invades Ethiopia.

Response: _____

4. **March 1936:** Germany occupies Rhineland, in violation of Versailles Treaty.

Response: _____

5. **July 1937:** Japan invades China.

Response: _____

6. **March 1938:** Germany annexes Austria.

Response: _____

7. **September 1938:** Germany takes the Sudetenland.

Response: _____

8. **March 1939:** Germany takes Czechoslovakia.

Response: _____

9. **April 1939:** Italy seizes Albania.

Response: _____

10. **September 1939:** Germany invades Poland.

Response: _____

