

OCTOBER 28, 1940

HOW WE GOT TO THE WAR WORLD 2?

- ◉ War World 1: the debilitating terms of the Paris Peace Treaty humiliated German



1917: RUSSIA BECAME THE SOVIET UNION (USSR), THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE APPEALED TO MANY DISAPPOINTED EUROPEANS → FEAR OF THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM ABROAD



- February of 1929: the financial crisis in USA negatively affected the economies around the World → caused insecurity in societies worldwide



BIRTH OF FASCISM IN ITALY (BENITO MUSSOLINI) AND NAZISM IN GERMANY (ADOLF HITLER)

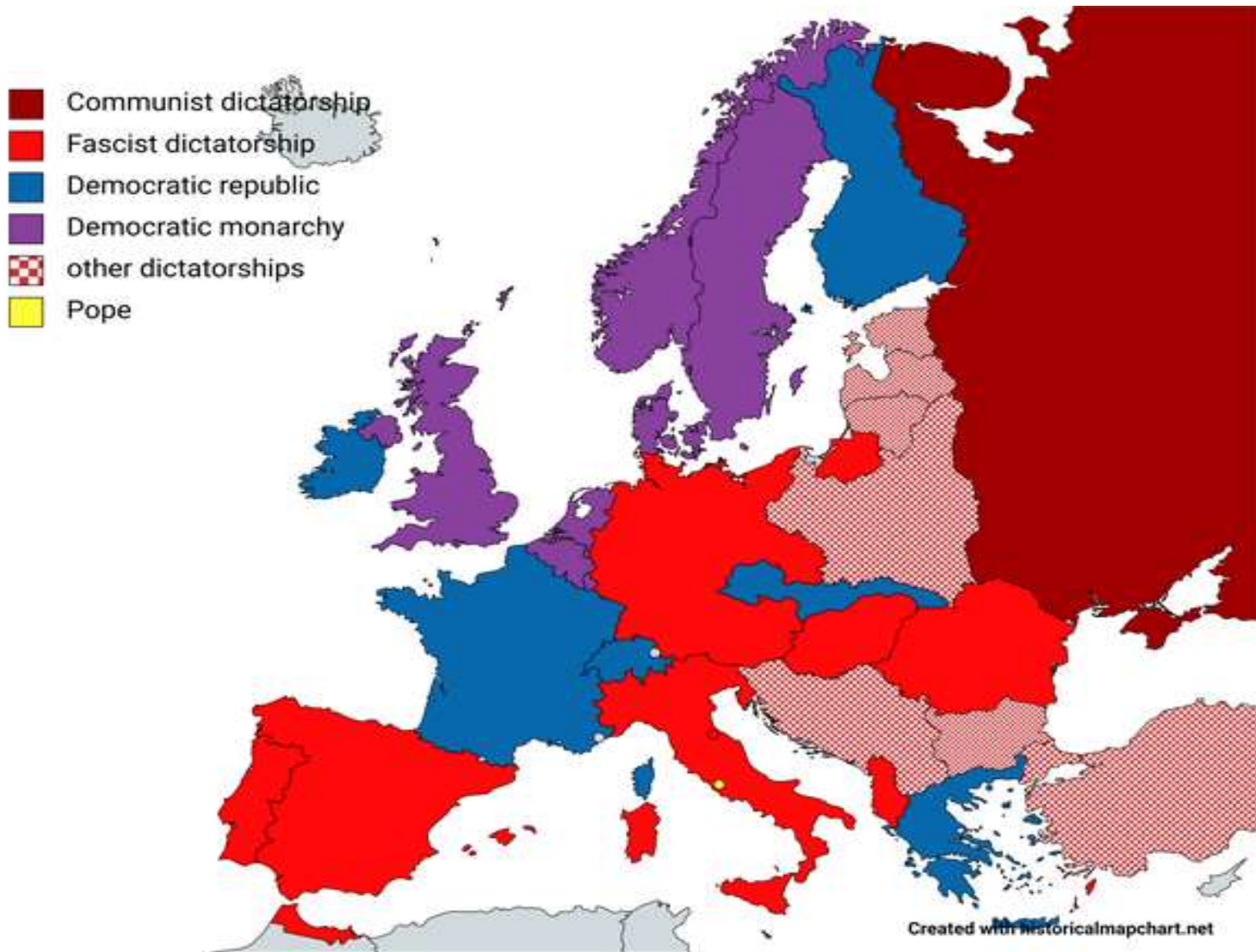
- ◉ nationalism
- ◉ anti-communism
- ◉ absolutism
- ◉ devaluation of democracy



- ◉ Italy: extermination of political opponents
- ◉ Germany: extermination of political opponents, homosexuals, gypsies, disabled, Jews



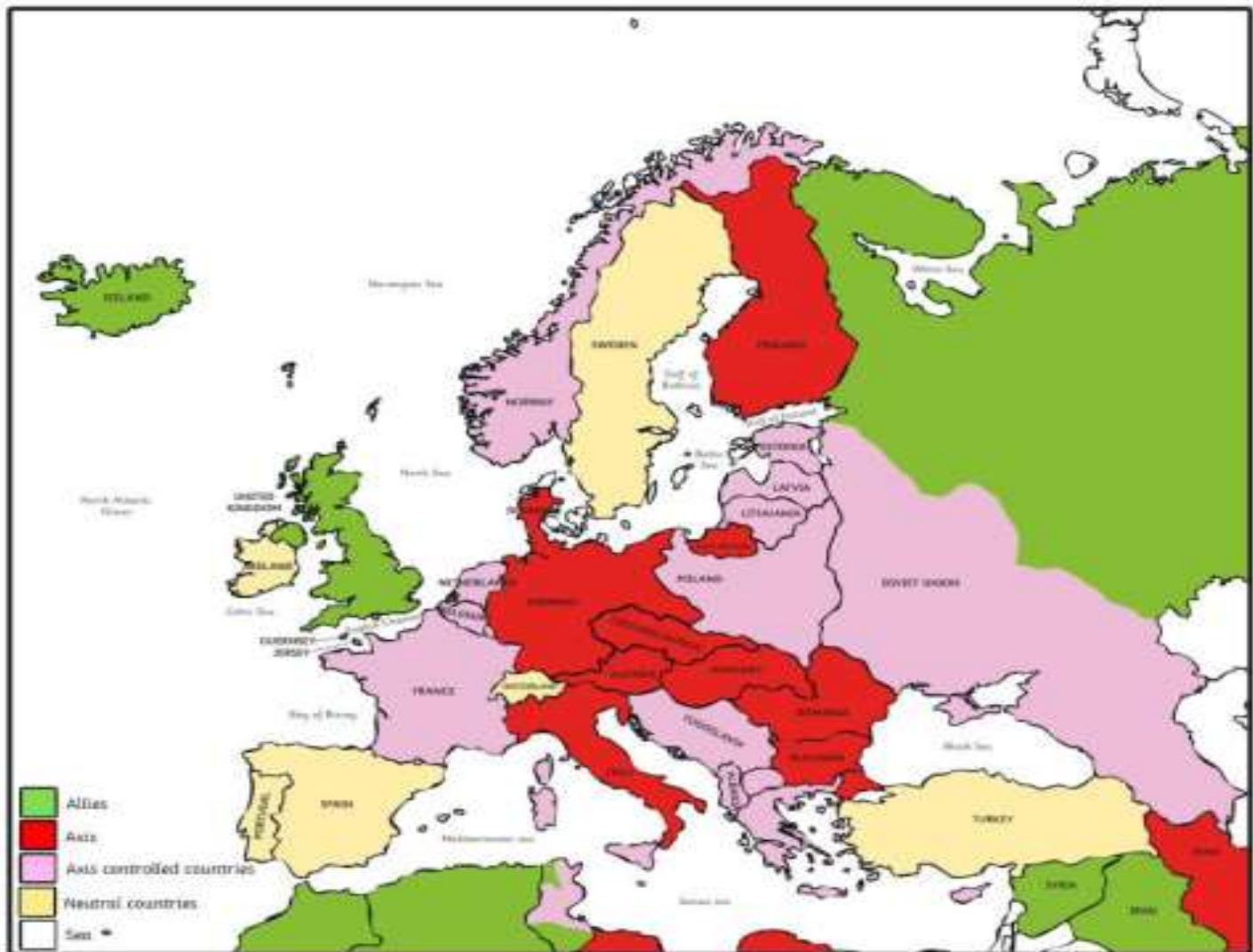
On the eve of the World War 2 all European states have fascist regimes



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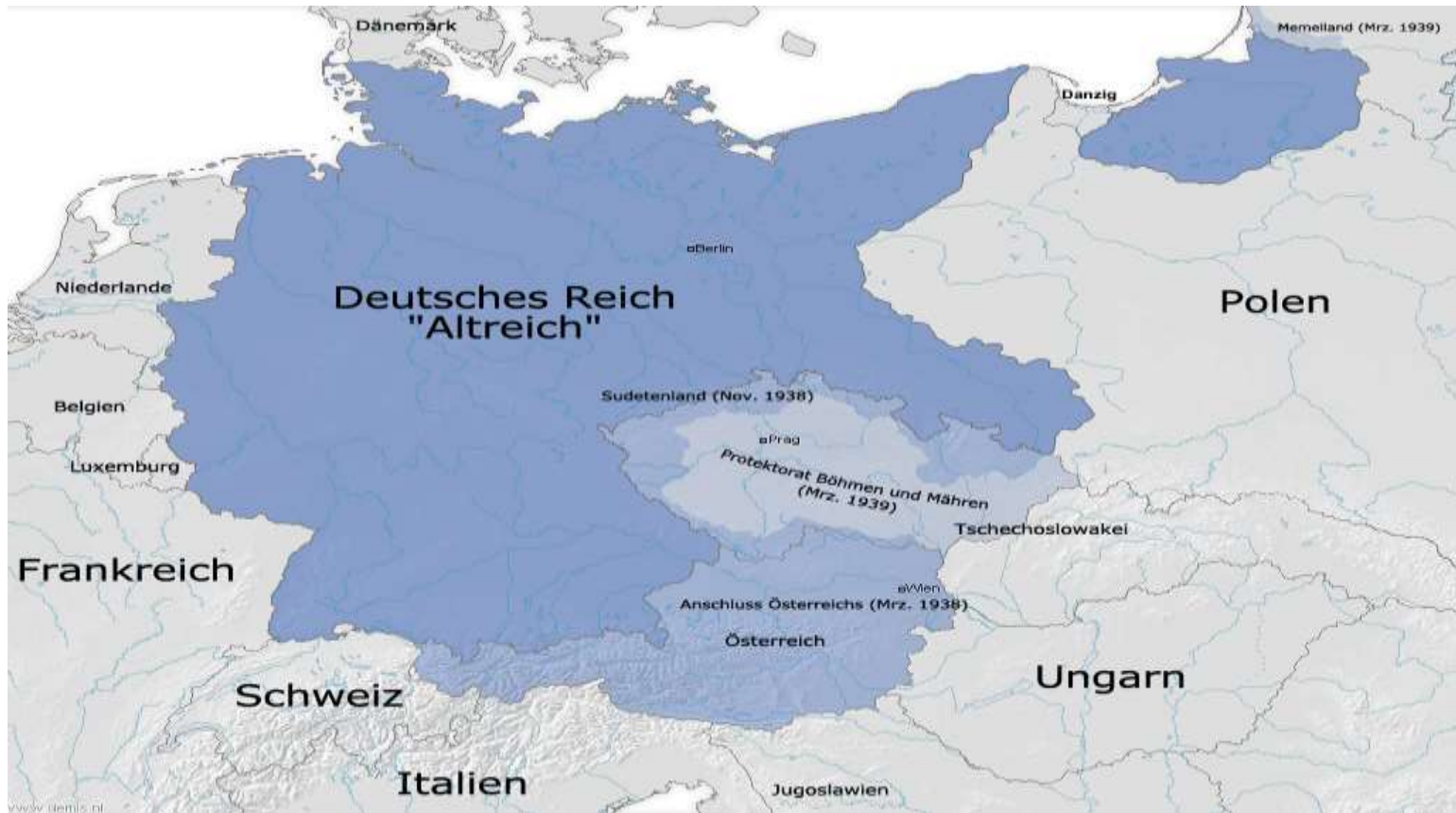
- 1936 - 1937: Pact of Germany-Japan-Italy against communism and in favour of fascism throughout the world
- 1937: Germany-Italy Axis

Europe during the Second World War
Areas of Influence by 1941



THE WAR IS COMING

- 1938: Germany occupied Austria
- 1939: Germany occupied Czechoslovakia
- 1939: Italy occupied Albania



THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR

- ◉ September 1939: German invasion of Poland
- ◉ The British and French declared war on Germany
- ◉ The Germans successively conquered Denmark, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Belgium, France
- ◉ Unsuccessful German air attacks on Great Britain

GREECE

- ◉ October 28, 1940: Italy demanded the surrender of Greece
- ◉ Ioannis Metaxas (prime minister): OCHI (NO)



- ◉ Italian invasion of Northern Greece through Albania



- ◉ The Greek army defeated the Italians and liberated many Albanian cities



THE BALKANS

- ◉ Bulgaria: ally of Germans and Italians
- ◉ Spring of 1941: Germans conquered Yugoslavia
- ◉ April 6, 1941: German attack on Greece

GREECE

- ◉ triple occupation (Katochi): Germans, Italians, Bulgarians

Η τριπλή
ξενική κατοχή
της Ελλάδας
1941 - 1944



THE GERMAN TROOPS ON ACROPOLIS, ATHENS



LET'S SAVE THE ANTIQUITIES FROM THE GERMANS



PEOPLE ARE STARVING

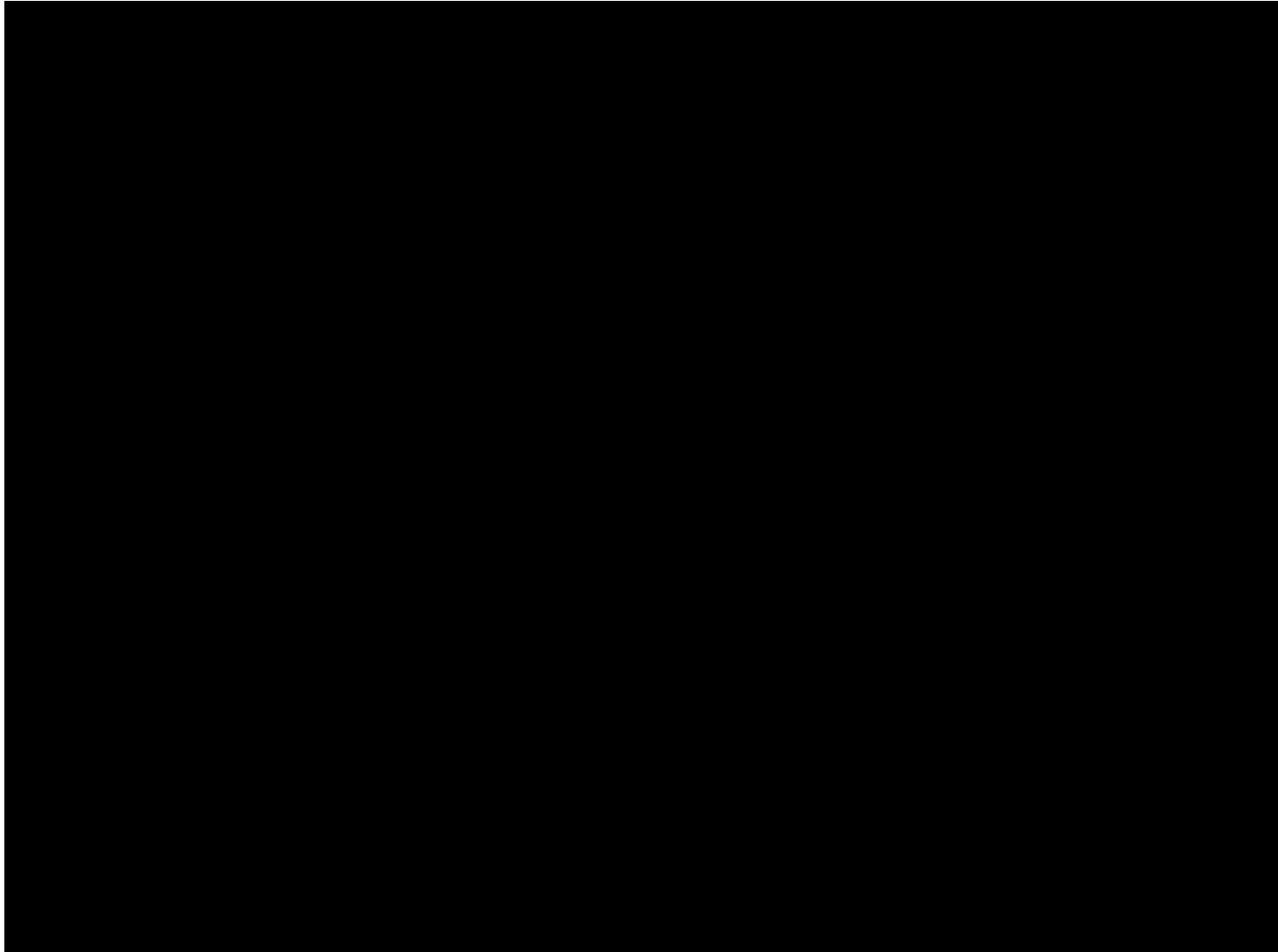
- economic exploitation
- hunger → deaths



- resistance → mass executions
- organized resistance → sabotage attacks on the invaders

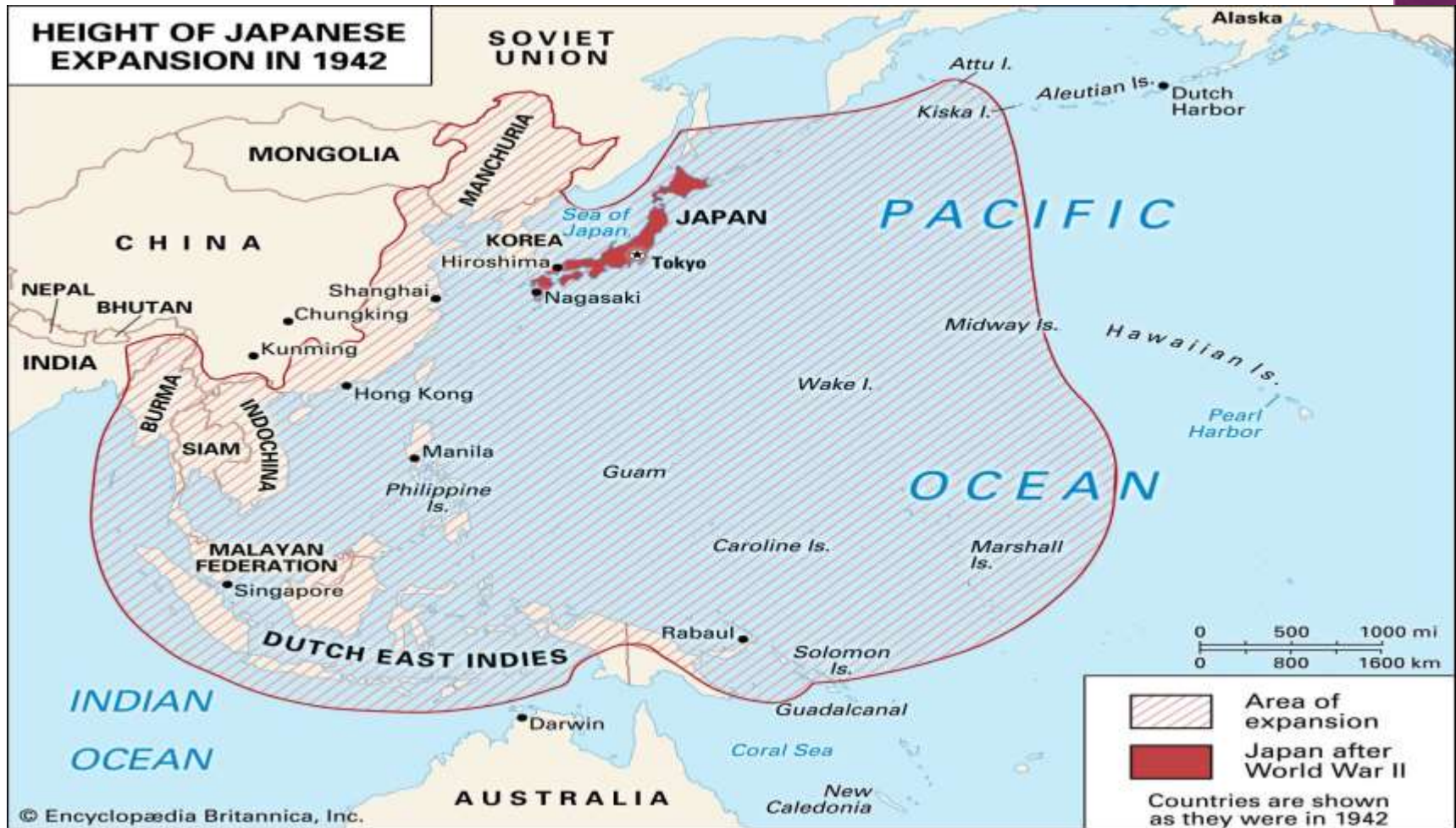


GREECE IN WW2



WORLD WAR 2

- North Africa
- Japan vs Southeast Asia countries and USA in the Pacific Ocean



- ◉ June 22, 1941: German invasion of the Soviet Union
- ◉ Two years struggle → the Germans did not achieved their goal
- ◉ 1943: the Germans were defeated in Stalingrad: The beginning of the end



USA AT WAR

- ◉ after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), December 7, 1941
- ◉ Catalyst in the outcome of the war
- ◉ Economic and military superpower



⦿ 6 June 1944: Allied seaborne invasion of Normandy



THE FALL OF NAZI GERMANY

- Americans, British, French→ Berlin from the West
- Soviets→ Berlin from the East





THE END OF THE WAR

- ◉ October 12, 1944: German withdrawal from Greece
- ◉ August 1945: atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki → surrender of Japan
- ◉ September 2, 1945: surrender of Germany





TODAY

- ⦿ The Greeks honor the heroism of our ancestors, who fought for the Freedom of our country.
- ⦿ We thank them for their self-sacrifice.
- ⦿ The people all over the world must work for Peace and must learn from the mistakes of the Past

THE GREEK NATIONAL ANTHEM

