I.B. World Topics

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Case Study Project

Directions: You will be assigned one of two case studies outlined below. You will partner up with one or two people from class and research your assigned case study over the next few days. During that time you will use your Keylor book (required), and at least 3 other sources to research your case study.

You and your partners will create a detailed typed study guide addressing each of the bulleted points associated with your case study. You will need to identify which portion of the study guide you are responsible for, as well as provide a list of citations at the end of your study guide.

You will have approximately 3 days in the library/computer lab and 2 days in class to collaborate/finalize any details.

Case study 1: Japanese expansion in East Asia (1931–1941)

Causes of Expansion

• The impact of Japanese nationalism and militarism on foreign policy
• Japanese domestic issues: political and economic issues, and their impact on foreign relations
• Political instability in China

Events

• Japanese invasion of Manchuria and northern China (1931)
• Sino-Japanese War (1937–1941)
• The Three Power/Tripartite Pact; the outbreak of war; Pearl Harbor (1941)

Responses

• League of Nations and the Lytton report
• Political developments within China—the Second United Front
• International response, including US initiatives and increasing tensions between the US and Japan

Case study 2: German and Italian Expansion (1933–1940)

Causes of Expansion

• Impact of fascism and Nazism on the foreign policies of Italy and Germany
• Impact of domestic economic issues on the foreign policies of Italy and Germany
• Changing diplomatic alignments in Europe; the end of collective security; appeasement
Events

• German challenges to the post-war settlements (1933–1938)
• Italian expansion: Abyssinia (1935–1936); Albania; entry into the Second World War
• German expansion (1938–1939); Pact of Steel, Nazi–Soviet Pact and the outbreak of war

Responses

• International response to German aggression (1933–1938)
• International response to Italian aggression (1935–1936)
• International response to German and Italian aggression (1940)

Study Guides must be typed and must show evidence of individual and group collaboration.

A brief presentation highlighting your efforts will be given in class on the day the study guides are due. Be prepared to provide a couple talking points about your section of the research (Approximately 15 minutes per group).

Study Guides and are due at the beginning of class on:________________