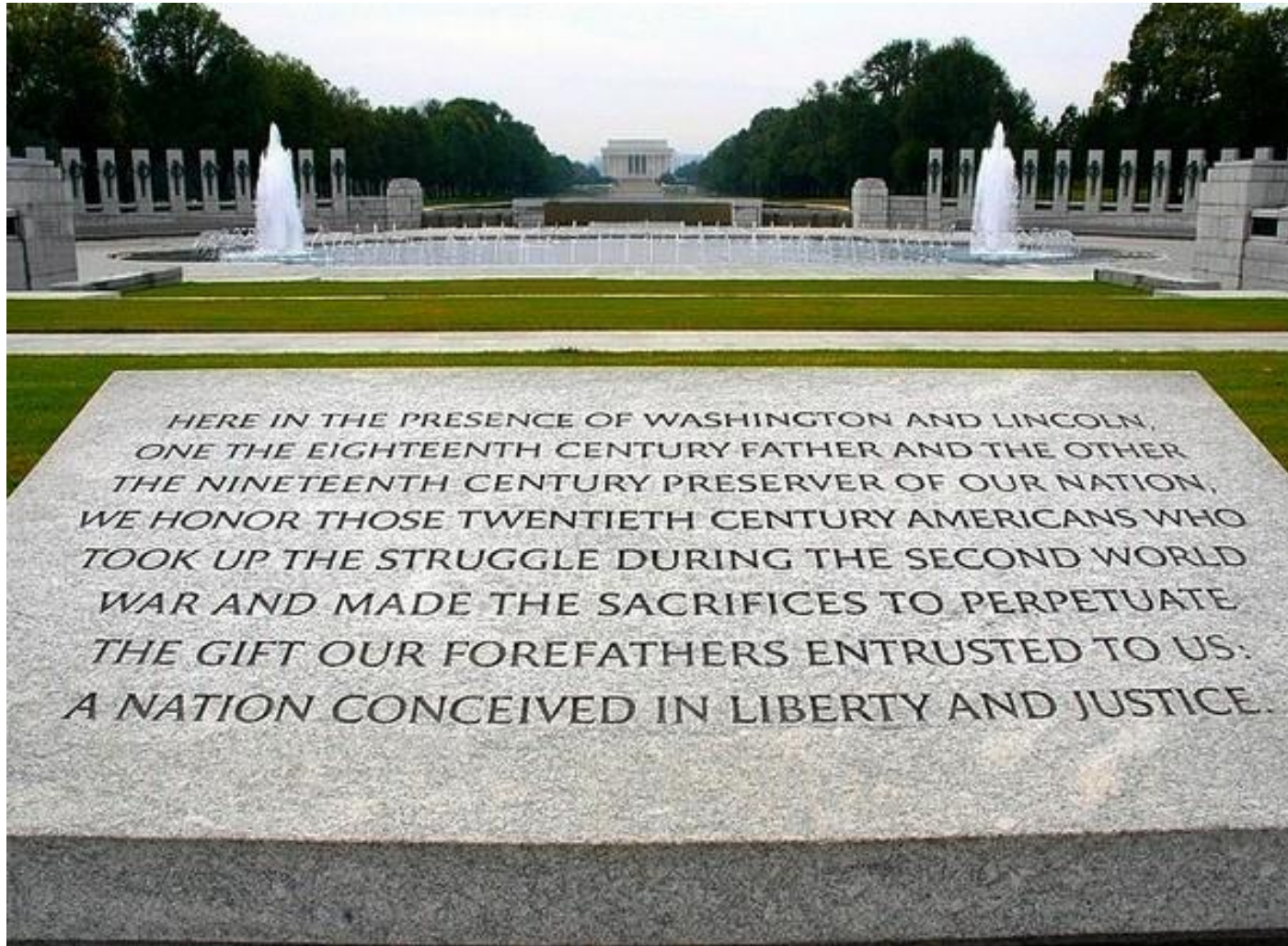


# BACKGROUND TO WAR



# World War II 1941-1945

Total in Military	16,112,566
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Total killed	405,399
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# **APPEASEMENT**

**To give in an aggressor to avoid a conflict.**

## **German Aggression**

**Hitler “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” the treaty of Versailles**

**German troops \_\_\_\_\_ lost in treaty  
(Rhineland)**

**Germany annexes \_\_\_\_\_ in 1938**

**Germany wants to annex German speaking  
region of Czechoslovakia (Sudetenland)**

**Great Britain and France threaten war if  
Germany invades**

**Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain  
makes a deal with Hitler**

- Germany \_\_\_\_\_ Sudetenland
- Germany promises no \_\_\_\_\_

**Germany (Third Reich) now much  
larger than before**

# **FASCISM**

**1. Glorification of state above individual**

**Limited civil liberties**

**harsh rule**

**aggressive foreign policy**

**2. Strong leader (dictator)**

# **American Neutrality**

## **Neutrality Acts**

**Illegal to sell weapons to warring nations**

## **Spanish Civil War**

**Fascist Nationalist fight against Democratic “Loyalists.”**

**Americans can volunteer to fight for Loyalists (Abraham Lincoln Brigade), but it is against the law.**

**FDR wanted to take action  
against aggressor nations  
(Japan, Italy, Germany) but many  
Americans preferred isolation.**

# ISOLATIONISTS



**Charles Lindbergh**

**Popular aviation hero**

**Visits Germany—praises Hitler**

**Warns that any war in Europe will not be the fault of the Germans and America should stay out of it.**



**August 1939**

**Hitler and Stalin (Germany and USSR)  
sign a non-aggression pact.**

**September 1, 1939 Germany invades  
Poland**

**France and Great Britain declare war**

**Poland defeated in 27 days**

**USSR invades from East—Poland  
divided with Germany.**

# 1940

France invaded and defeated in Summer of 1940.

French colonies in Asia, French Indochina \_\_\_\_\_ taken over by Japanese.

U.S. tells Japan they must leave French Indochina.

# PEARL HARBOR

**U.S. Threatens to cut oil and iron shipments to Japan if \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Japanese makes plans to cripple U.S. Fleet and seize oil in \_\_\_\_\_**