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| 1. What pact between Hitler and Stalin helped spark war? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Describe Hitler’s Lightning attack. 3. What nations did the Soviets invade and conquer? | **Chapter 32 – World War II, 1939 – 1945**  **Section 1 – Hitler’s Lightening War**  During the 1930s, Hitler played on the hopes and fears of the Western Democracies  Each time the Nazi dictator grabbed new territory, he would declare an end to his demands  **Germany Sparks a New War in Europe**  **Nonaggression Pact** in which Russia and Germany agreed to not attack each other – In return Hitler had promised Stalin territory  Secretly Stalin and Hitler agreed to divide the territory of Poland   * The Nonaggression Pact removed the threat to Germany of the Soviet attack from the east   **Germany’s Lightning Attack**   * Hitler quickly conquered Poland * The attack began in September 1939 * **blitzkrieg** – or lightening war – it involved using fast – moving airplanes and tanks, followed by massive infantry forces to take the enemy by surprise * The Polish invasion unleashed World War II * France and Britain declared war on Germany on September 3   The Soviets Make their Move   * On September 17 Stalin sent Russian troops to occupy the eastern half of Poland * Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia fell to Russia with out a fight; Finland resisted but eventually fell to Russia |