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**Germany:** Page 664, 665, 666      **Japan:** 665 and 667      **Italy:** 665
2. Identify the types of governments and the leaders found in the 1930's in these countries:  
A. Italy      B. Germany      C. Russia      D. Japan (teacher)
3. Read "**Heading Toward War**" - pages 665-666 and explain how the League of Nations failed to prevent war.
4. Read about appeasement from your textbook (p.666).  
A. Define appeasement and explain how Germany was appeased.  
B. Is appeasement the best way to stop an aggressor? Why or Why not?
5. Use your supplemental reading sheet to answer this question:  
The countries of the world had their chance to stop Hitler before WWII. Russia showed an interest in stopping Germany but got no support from the U.S. and other free nations of the world.  
A. Why were the U.S. and other free nations reluctant to join Russia?  
B. As a result of the uncooperative free nations, what did Russia end up doing to protect itself?
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