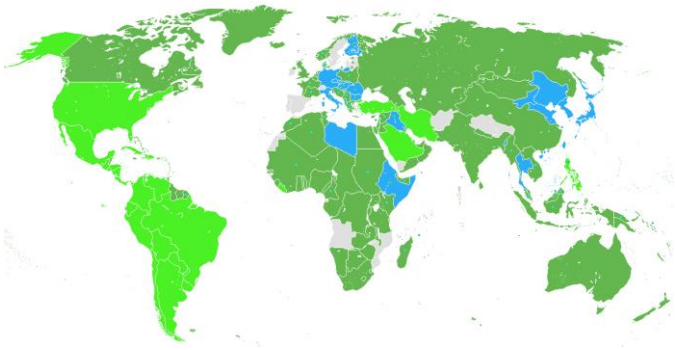
Geography – WWII – Year 5 - Autumn 1

Vocabulary Top Ten:

aerial (photograph)	a photograph taken from an aircraft or flying object
Allied powers	the alignment of nations that fought in WWII against the Axis forces
Axis powers	the alignment of nations that fought in WWII against the Allied forces
border	the boundary of a country
capital city	is the city where the government of that country meets
communism	a form of government where the government owns everything and is responsible for providing equality for all
democracy	a form of government where the people have a say in how the government is run
economy	a country's income and the way it is spent
European Union (EU)	is a group of countries whose governments work together
population	the total number of people who live in a country or region

Allied and Axis Powers



Allied Powers
Allies joining after the attack on Pearl Harbour
Axis Powers
Neutral Countries

Bordering Countries



Key Facts:

Europe is the sixth largest **continent** in size and the third largest in **population**. There are 44 countries in Europe.

World War II was fought between the **Axis Powers** (e.g. Germany, Italy, Japan) and the **Allied Powers** (e.g. Britain, United States, Soviet Union, France).

The Soviet Union was a **communist nation** stretching from Eastern Europe to the east coast of North Asia. It no longer exists today.

Germany Today

Human Features

- Population: 83 million (2018)
- Capital city of Germany is Berlin
- Member of the EU
- Germany has a democracy and the Chancellor of Germany (Prime Minister equivalent) is Angela Merkel.
- Largest economy in Europe
- Large German companies include BMW, Adidas, Mercedes-Benz, Nivea, Audi, Volkswagen and Siemens

Physical Features

- major rivers include Rhine, Elbe, Main and Danube
- central and southern regions have forested hills and mountains
- In the north, the landscape flattens out to a wide plain
- Germany's largest wooded area is the Black Forest, it is a mountainous region full of fir and pine trees

Black Forest



Berlin



Berlin Wall

