People’s Century (ep 2) Lost Peace (1919-1935)

**Directions**: Watch the documentary provided on the interbellum years between World War I and the outbreak of World War II. Answer the questions below about the film.

1. What happened on November 11th 1918? What was the general reaction? What was the understanding among most of the global participants of World War I?

2. What were the terms of the Paris Peace Conference at Versailles for Germany? Russia?

3. What did U.S. President Woodrow Wilson bring with him to the Paris Peace Conference at Versailles in 1919? How did his own American people feel about Wilson’s plan for peace?

4. What new geographical boundaries were created following the Paris Peace Conference? How many new countries were created during the 1920s “Springtime” of development?

5. How effective was the League of Nations after the U.S. Congress failed to join? What was the League’s first goal at their Genève meeting in the Spring of 1920?

6. Describe Germany’s relationship with Poland?

7. Provide examples on how people expressed their anti-war sentiment?

8. In Germany’s bitterness about the Treaty of Versailles, who did they bring to power? What did this new leader promise to the German people?

9. Who rose to power in Italy promising (eerily) the same things?

10. What happened to Ethiopia as a result of the resurging nationalism spreading across Europe?
11. What backlash did the League of Nations receive from European citizens?

12. How did the United States react to European rearmament?

13. Discuss the speech Britain’s Winston’s Churchill made concerning Europe’s “choice” of war.

14. How did the Spanish Civil War play into the difficulties of maintaining European peace?

15. Discuss the growing tensions between the Czechs and Germany?

16. What strip of land did Germany threaten to take back, violating the Treaty of Versailles?

17. After the Munich talks with Hitler concerning Czechoslovakia, what were the two OPPOSING war viewpoints that representatives brought back to their citizens upon returning to their mother countries?

18. What did Hitler do only ten days after the Munich talks? What were the reactions of the German peoples in which Hitler’s decision affected?

19. Discuss the various reaction of the World War I veterans upon the declarations of war in 1939?

20. How many lives were sacrificed at the end of World War II?