**Chapter 27:** World War II Comparison of Hitler’s Aggression to Putin Invasion of Ukraine

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**Directions**: Follow each prompt. You will read a selection and/or view an image/document. Answer each question thoroughly. {*Instructors: insert specific directions such as word count, response type, submission format, etc.*}



Image 1: Illustration of the "Stab-in-the-Back" legend (de:*Dolchstoßlegende*) from an Austrian postcard, 1919. Author unknown. Copyright March 26th,1919. [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stab-in-the-back\_postcard.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File%3AStab-in-the-back_postcard.jpg). License: Public domain.

Questions:

**1. BACKGROUND**

**a. Read:**

[https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/treaty-of-versailles in the Holocaust Encyclopedia from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.](https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/treaty-of-versailles)

**b. Answer:** According to the article, how did the Germans view the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles? What is the “stab in the back” legend?

**2. INTERPRET**

 **a. View:** Look at the image above.

**b. Answer:** Describe how the details reflect on your response to part one?

**3. CONSIDER**

**a. Read**: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/treaty-versailles-ended-wwi-started-wwii

**b. Answer:** According to the article, how did the Treaty of Versailles contribute to the start of World War II and the rise of Hitler?

**4. CONNECT**

**a. Read:** <https://www.npr.org/2021/12/24/1066861022/how-the-soviet-unions-collapse-explains-the-current-russia-ukraine-tension>

**b. Answer:** Explain Vladimir Putin’s assertion that NATO expansion to the Russian border explains his recent invasion of Ukraine. How is this sense of victimization similar or different to Hitler’s “stab-in-the-back” legend?