

LAUNCH OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

SEPTEMBER 1939 - JUNE 1940

Teacher: Văncica Diana-Mihaela



Germany wanted the annexation of Gdansk (Danzig), the free city on Polish territory, and the "Polish corridor" through which Poland had access to the Baltic Sea. Poland does not accept Germany's claims.

°Germany attacked Poland on September 1, 1939 and The USSR attacked Poland on September 17, 1939

°Determined by public opinion and signed obligations, France and England declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939, but did nothing special in support of Poland, which, with all the heroism of its soldiers, could not resist the aggressor's unleashed force. being defeated in 3–4 weeks.

°Its territory was divided between Germany, whose troops occupied an area of 187,000 km², and the USSR, whose troops entered Poland on September 17 and occupied an area of over 200,000 km²

°Following this double aggression, Poland disappeared as a state



"STRANGE WAR"

AFTER THE CONQUEST OF PART OF POLAND BY GERMANY, TOTAL CALM PREVAILED ON THE WESTERN FRONT (AUTUMN-WINTER 1939-1940), AN EVENT KNOWN AS THE "STRANGE WAR".

BLITZKRIEG

Germany, a country devoid of the raw materials needed for a lasting conflagration, realized that the way to wage a victorious war was to deliver quick, decisive blows. The lightning war was based on infantry occupying the ground with the help of tanks and aviation.

In November 1939, the USSR attacked Finland, which, despite fierce resistance, was forced to seek peace and accept the territorial surrenders imposed by the USSR in the spring of 1940

They were followed by Denmark (April 1940), Norway (April-May 1940), and in May 1940 by Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg