Soviet Foreign Policy

Background

History 12 students are not expected to know every minor international agreement involving the Soviet Union. Instead, you should understand the key points of Soviet foreign policy. It is important to note a general trend away from isolationism.

Here are some important developments in Soviet foreign policy before World War II.

Lenin signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk and the Treaty of Rapollo with Germany. The Soviet Union was recognized by the international community, including the United States. The Soviet Union joined the League of Nations in 1934. Compared to the western policy of appeasing Hitler in the 1930s, Stalin promoted an aggressive approach to Nazi expansion. Lacking western support against Hitler, Stalin authorized the infamous Nazi-Soviet Pact.

Assignment

Your mission is to gather information about Soviet foreign policy.

At the end of this task, you should be an expert on the following . . .

A) Lenin's Foreign Policy (Pg. 40 – 41)

B) Stalin's Foreign Policy (Pg. 41 – 42)

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