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## **Could World War II have been avoided? - Editorial Instructions**

**Directions:** Assume the role of a European journalist in 1930. Take your own position on the central questions of this unit. Your writing should take the form of an editorial to be published in a major European newspaper of the time.

### **Central Questions:**

Could World War II have been prevented? Did the European nations make the wisest policy decisions in managing the 1930s crises and responding to Nazi actions?

### **Requirements:**

1. Your editorial must include a minimum of 4 paragraphs as described below.
2. Your editorial should use persuasive language and should be written to the English people.
3. Your editorial should be written in the 1<sup>st</sup> person, plural tense – “we”.

### **Editorial Format:**

Paragraph I:

Take a clear position on the central questions.

Paragraph II:

Support your position with historical evidence.

Paragraph III:

A: Acknowledge the arguments of your opponents.

B: Respond to your opponents' arguments.

Paragraph IV:

Provide a conclusion that summarizes your position.