

Unit 5: Crisis and Change
Lesson F: The Failure of Democracy and Return of War
Student Resource: Timeline for World War II — Spain

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1926

- 1926: February 25: Francisco Franco became a military General in Spain.
- 1926: September 11: Spain withdrew from the League of Nations.

1936

- 1936: July 18: The Spanish Civil War began when nationalist forces led by Francisco Franco rose up against the existing government. Germany and Italy supported Franco's nationalists in the Spanish Civil War; the Soviet Union supported the existing government.
- 1936: November 15: The German Condor Legion first saw action, working with Spanish Nationalists to capture Madrid, Spain.

1940

- 1940: October 23: Adolf Hitler met with Franco at a Spanish border town; Hitler was unable to convince Franco to enter the war on the Axis side.
- 1940: December 8: Francisco Franco ruled out Spanish entry into the war; Hitler was forced to cancel a planned attack on British-held Gibraltar.

1943

- 1943: Franco returned Spain to complete neutrality after taking a pro-Axis, but nonbelligerent, position earlier in the war.

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