

The League of Nations Review

Aims	20's	30's
S	TOP WARS	
	60%	0%
I	IMPROVE LIVES	
D	ISARM	
E	ENFORCE TREATIES	

League Powers	
	Moral Pressure
	Sanctions
	Force?

Successes	1920's	Failures
League created in Geneva - Woodrow Wilson's brainchild	1919	The US Congress does <u>NOT</u> allow Wilson to join = ISOLATIONIST League misses its natural father and his leadership. No USA also meant lack of resources and USA still free to trade with sanctioned countries.
Aaland Islands Sweden V Finland Swede appeal League gave to Finland	1921	Vilna Poland V Lithuania Poland invaded capital Poland ignored League ruling to withdraw.
Upper Silesia Germany V Poland Both wanted area : League plebiscite 50/50 : area was shared	1921	
Washington Conf'nce Naval Disarmament Agreement / USA	1922	French Occupy Ruhr France V Germany Fr and Be occupied after failure to pay League did not act
Health and Working	1923	Corfu Incident Italy V Greece Italy bombed Greece League said Greece had to pay
Greece V Bulgaria (Stray Dog)	1925	The Geneva Protocol
Locarno Treaty	1926	
Slavery Commission		The Wall Street Crash is a key turning point ...NO notable successes after 1929!
Refugee Commission		
Kellogg-Briand Pact	1928	

Why The League Failed

Structure and Organisation

P - Veto
E - Undemocratic
E - Misused by Council

P - Slow decision making
E - Unanimous
E - 'A t _____ shop'.

No Army

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E - Could not enforce
E - 'All bark no _____'

Membership

P - No USA
E - Missed leadership
E - 'If the USA does not...'

P - League for winners
E - Seen as unfair
E - Argentina boycott

Bad Parents

P - Hypocritical
E - Actions of members
E - Italy / Corfu 1923

P - Greedy
E - Self Interest of BR / FR
E - Geneva Protocol

Global Depression

P : Domino Effect
E - Protectionism
E - Social - Extremism
E - Hitler and Mussolini




How did the Global Depression weaken the League?
A domino effect – put in order and explain each step.

Aggressive Foreign Policy Invading other countries seen as a way to grab resources. 6	WSC - Global Depression USA stock market crash Led to US economic slump. Put tariffs on imports. 1
Protectionism Other countries did the same. Trade dried up and the 'spirit of Locarno' was lost. 2	Social and Economic Problems Factories and businesses close. High unemployment rates, despair and unrest. 3
Militarism Germany, Italy build up military. 4	The Rise of Extremism Germany hit especially hard (Reliant on US loans) People turned to Hitler 5

League Failures 1930's

1931	1932	1935
Japan Attacks Manchuria Why Invade? - Japan (League Council) was hit hard by the G. Depression. - Military had taken over - Manchuria which was rich in land and natural resources. How the League failed? 1 - Very slow to respond 2 - KNOW - The Lytton Report 3 - Only condemned Japan WHY IT FAILED? 1 - Global Depression impact 2 - Japan a major British partner 3 - Slow - poor leadership - no army CONSEQUENCES - League left humiliated and weak - Japan left the League - Other leaders watched	Disarmament Conferences FAIL The League said the military restrictions on Germany were unfair. League tried to get other countries to disarm BUT, other countries refused to disarm esp France. Britain signed its own naval agreement with Germany! Hitler became Chancellor and took Germany out of the League. He began re-arming in 1933	Italy Attacks Abyssinia Why Invade? - Mussolini (League Council) invaded for revenge - Adowa defeat to Ethiopia in 1896 - to gain popularity at home - to help solve economic problems How the League failed? 1 - Slow to act 2 - Sanctions fail - USA increased oil export as NOT in League 3 - Britain did not block Suez Canal 4 - KNOW - 'Hoare-Laval' Pact WHY IT FAILED? 1 - Global Depression impact 2 - Keep Mussolini away from Hitler 3 - Slow - no army - poor leadership CONSEQUENCES - Italy kept Abyssinia - The League had failed "The real death of the League was in 1935" AJP Taylor.


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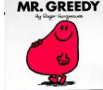
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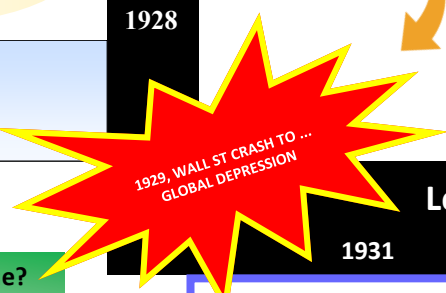
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