Causes of the Second World War

Use the following words to help you create a Mind Map illustrating the main causes of the Second World War.

- payment for damages of the First World War
- humiliation in defeat
- Germany
- Depression
- dictatorships in Europe
- expansion of territories and empires
- build-up of military strength
- Treaty of Versailles 1919
  - Italy
  - Mussolini
  - Japan
  - Hitler
  - Soviet Union (Russia)
- creation of new countries in Eastern Europe
- hesitation of Allied Powers (appeasement)
- reclamation of territories lost after World War I
- punishment for World War I
- fear of another world war
  - Britain
  - United States
- build-up of military
- occupation of territories
- spreading of hate propaganda
  - France
  - revenge
  - Poland
- weakness of League of Nations
- lack of enforcement of Treaty of Versailles
- persecution of groups who did not support government
- lack of respect for peace treaties and agreements
- alliances of dictators