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<p>Now that you have been there, did the journey meet your expectations?</p>  <p>Did you discover surprises? What's next? Did you argue your point?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">End</p> <p><i>There are many contradicting ideas, theories, and evidence about what caused WW II.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary / Conclusion</p> <p><i>As these numerous examples demonstrate, theories as to the causes of WW II differ according to disciplines as well as cultures, depending upon research sources.</i></p>




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