

# CAUSES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR INTERACTIVE

## Why did Germany and Russia sign the Nazi-Soviet Pact?

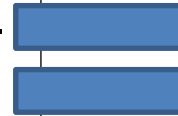
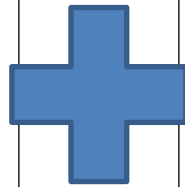
### *Why did Germany sign the Nazi-Soviet Pact?*

- Hitler did not want to fight both Russia and Britain at the same time.
- Hitler wanted Poland.
- Hitler did not think Britain and France would go to war over Poland
- He knew Britain and France also wanted to ally with Russia



### *Why did Russia sign the Nazi-Soviet Pact?*

- Stalin was afraid that Britain wanted Germany and Russia to fight a war and destroy each other.
- Stalin was worried by the policy of Appeasement – it was letting Germany get too strong.
- Russia was not ready for a war with Germany.
- Hitler wrote to Stalin and offered him a deal – this impressed Stalin.



**A Pact of Convenience**