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The World War II Era  
Section 1 – The Gathering Storm  
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Setting the Scene  
What did men like Benito Mussolini want? __________________________

Read pages 774-777 and complete the chart below.  

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Section 2 – World War II Begins
Pages 778-783

Setting the Scene
What was Roosevelt’s “warning” to the nation in his speech in 1937? ________________
________________________________________________________________________

Japan Sparks War in Asia
What did Japan do in 1937? _________________________________________________
Why did the advance into China alarm American leaders? _________________________
________________________________________________________________________
What kept the United States from taking a firm stand against the Japanese? __________
________________________________________________________________________

Germany Brings War to Europe
By 1938, what three areas had Hitler taken over?
1. _______________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________
What did Hitler promise at the Munich Conference? ____________________________
________________________________________________________________________
How was the Munich Conference an example of appeasement? _____________________
________________________________________________________________________
What did Hitler and Stalin promise each other in the Nazi-Soviet Pact?
1. _______________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________
What happened on September 1, 1939? ________________________________________
What did Stalin do as the Germans were taking over western Poland? _______________
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A Second World War
What did Britain and France do after the invasion of Poland? _________________
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Where did Hitler’s armies head in the spring of 1940?
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2.
3.
4.
5.

What happened at Dunkirk? ____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

What happened on June 22, 1940? __________________________________

Shade in the areas of Nazi control by June 1942. Use page 791.

![Map of Europe during WWII](image)

Who was the leader of Great Britain during WWII? _______________________

Describe the Battle of Britain in 3 sentences. __________________________
______________________________________________________________
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The United States Moves Toward War
Why did Roosevelt want to repeal the neutrality laws? __________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How was the “cash and carry” plan a compromise? ___________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How did the United States prepare for war?
1. 
2. 

What precedent did Roosevelt break in 1940? _________________________________

Why was Lend Lease necessary in 1940? ______________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What did the Lend Lease Act allow? _________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What happened in June of 1941? ___________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What did Roosevelt do to help the Soviets in 1941? _____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What was the purpose of the Atlantic Charter? _________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What did Roosevelt and Churchill agree to?
1. 
2. 
3. 

War Comes to the United States
What imperialistic measures had Japan taken by 1940? __________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How did the United States try to stop Japanese aggression? ______________________
________________________________________________________________________

What and where is Pearl Harbor? ____________________________________________

When was the attack? ______________________________________________________
What damage did the attack cause?
1.  
2.  
3.  

What did the Japanese leaders hope the attack would force the United States to do?
________________________________________________________________________

What results did the attack on Pearl Harbor have on Americans? ________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

USS Arizona Memorial, page 782
What was so tragic about the sinking of the Arizona? ___________________________
________________________________________________________________________

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Section 3 – Americans in Wartime
Pages 784-788

Setting the Scene
What is the 1942 American poster encouraging Americans to do? ________________

What symbol is in the bottom right hand corner of the poster? ____________________

Why is/was propaganda necessary during wartime? _____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Mobilizing the Home Front
What was the military’s first task? ____________________________________________

How did women serve in the armed forces? ____________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What did the War Production Board do? ________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What had Americans produced by 1942? ________________________________

What was the purpose of rationing? ________________________________

What were ration coupons needed for? ________________________________

Why did Americans grow victory gardens? ________________________________
How did the government pay for the war?
1. 
2. 

How did the war end the Great Depression? ______________________________________
__________________________________________________________

A Wartime Economy, page 789
How did children help the war effort? ______________________________________

What everyday products took on new importance during the war? ________________
__________________________________________________________

Women in the Wartime Economy
How many women joined the workforce? ________________________________
Who did they replace? ________________________________________________

What types of work did women do?
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 

Who was Rosie the Riveter? _______________________________________________

How did scarcity help women? _____________________________________________

African Americans at War
What was the “Double V” campaign? ________________________________
__________________________________________________________

How did factories discriminate during the war? _____________________________

What did A. Philip Randolph call for? ________________________________

What did FDR do after meeting with Randolph? ________________________________
__________________________________________________________

What was the result of employment of skilled black workers? __________________
__________________________________________________________

How many African American men served? ________________________________
What type of units did they serve in? ________________________________

Describe what Dorie Miller did. ________________________________

Who were the Tuskegee Airmen? ________________________________

What were Benjamin O. Davis’ accomplishments during his military career?

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**A Calamity for Japanese Americans**

Where did most Japanese Americans live? ________________________________

What were Americans afraid the Japanese Americans would do? ________________

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How many Japanese Americans were sent to relocation camps? ________________

How were Japanese American men discriminated against in the military? ________________

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**Other Groups Face Problems**

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Setting the Scene
What did Hitler do once the United States went to war with Japan?

Bleak Days for the Allies
What was the situation in early 1942?

What did the Soviets do in their own country?

What happened in the Philippines?

What islands had Japan gained control of?
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8.

The Tide Turns
Who did the Allies decide they had to defeat first?

What was significant about the Battle of Midway?

What were the Allied forces doing in North Africa?

Where did the Allies go once they had control of Africa?

What happened to Mussolini by September of 1943?

Who still controlled much of Italy?

What was the first European capital to be freed from Nazi control?

World War II in Europe and Asia, map page 791
Locate El Alamein: Why was a victory here important?

What was the importance of the Allied gaining territory in North Africa?

By what year did the Allies enter Italy?
What Soviet cities had the Germans reached by 1943? ____________________________

What was possible after Allied victories in those cities? ___________________________

Why do you think the Allies did not attack France by way of the Spanish-French border? (hint: look at the key) _____________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

By what year did the Allies enter Germany? ________________________________

**Opening a Second Front**

How many soldiers did the Soviet Union lose? ________________________________

What had Stalin urged the Allies to do? _______________________________________

What would a second front do? _____________________________________________

What was “Operation Overlord”? ___________________________________________

What did the Germans do to get ready for an invasion? _________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How was D-Day a turning point in World War II? _____________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**Victory in Europe**

What slowed the Allied advance? ____________________________________________

What was the Battle of the Bulge? ___________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How did airplane bombing hurt the Germans? ________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

What happened in April of 1945? __________________________________________

How did Americans feel about Roosevelt’s death? _____________________________

Who became the new president? ____________________________________________

What date did the Germans surrender? ______________________________________

What day did Americans celebrate Victory in Europe? _________________________
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Section 5 – The End of the War
Pages 796-799

Setting the Scene
What did the Battle of Saipan show the United States?

War in the Pacific
What were the 2 goals of the United States?
1.
2.

What was the goal of island hopping?

Describe the deadly routine:

What contribution did Navajo soldiers make to the war effort in the Pacific?

What was important about the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa?

Why would Japanese soldiers go on suicide missions?

By April 1945, what were American forces able to do?

What was the projected cost of an invasion?
**The Surrender of Japan**

What was the Potsdam Declaration? ________________________________

When and where was the first atomic bomb dropped? ________________________________
What was the death toll from that bomb? ________________________________

When and where was the second atomic bomb dropped? ________________________________
What was the death toll from that bomb? ________________________________

In the months following the bombing, what caused people to die? ________________

When did the emperor of Japan formally surrender? ________________________________

What was significant about the flag on the USS Missouri? ________________________________

**The Deadliest War in History**

What is the estimated death count from WWII? ________________________________

How did technology change the war? ________________________________

What horrors were “uncovered” at the end of the war? ________________________________

What was the result of the Nuremberg Trials? ________________________________