

**World War II  
Era and the  
immediate  
Cold War**

1933 – 1945  
Unit 11, AP U.S. History

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**1930s  
Diplomacy**

Kennedy, Chapter 34  
AMSCO, Chapter 25

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**Post-WW I World**

- Problems of the Versailles Treaty and the League?
- Did the failure to resolve World War I lead to World War II?
- What led to war and US involvement?

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### Guided Reading

- Use the Guided Reading handout to review the foreign policy events leading up to America's involvement in World War II

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### World War II

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### US Enters the War

- Country's unity and FDR's Hitler-First strategy
- Advantages / Disadvantages
- Immigrants, Japanese internment (Korematsu v. US)
- See PPT from OAH



Picture taken 8/9/2005  
National Archives

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**War & Industry Again**

- War Production Board
- Increased farm production
- Rationing
- Labor Unions and wage ceilings to control inflation
- Smith-Connally Act (6/1943)

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**Men & Women in War**

- Draft and its exemptions
  - Also: Women in the war
- Need for workers
  - Mexican Workers
  - Women Workers & results

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**Another Great Migration**

- Boomtown cities, South no longer the economic pits
- A. Philip Randolph and response by FDR
- “Double V”
- Native Americans & Mexicans

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### **Home Front Results**

- Ended the Great Depression
- More big government intervention
- Consumer economy returns
- Welfare-Warfare State

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### **Pacific Theatre**

- Japanese strategy
- Invasion of the Philippines (April 1942)
- "I shall return" (MacArthur)
- Battle of Coral Sea: May 1942
- Battle of Midway: June 1942
- Japan's victory disease?

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### **Island Hopping in the Pacific**

- Guadalcanal and the Solomons
- Conquest of New Guinea by August 1944
- Island hopping strategy
- Admiral Chester Nimitz
- Tarawa to Marshall to Marianas
- 6/20/44: Battle of Philippine Sea

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**European Theatre**

- German sub warfare and Allied 1943 victory: Battle of Atlantic
- Air raids of Germany (late '42)
- Rommel and Montgomery in North Africa
- Soviet Front and halt at Stalingrad

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**North African Front**

- Weak diversion? (acc to USSR)
- Nov. 1942 invasion led by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower
- Casablanca Conference: FDR & Churchill, January 1943
- Controversial?

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**Turn towards Italy**

- Move on Sicily; fell Aug. 1943
- Sept. 1943: Mussolini deposed
- Oct. 1943: New Italy declares war on Germany
- Monte Cassino
- Capture of Rome – June 1944
- War in Italy ended May 2 '45

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**D-Day Invasion**

- Tehran Conf., 11/28-12/1/1943
- Preparations
- Invasion: June 6, 1944
- Aug. 1944 – Paris liberated
- Oct. 1944 – Aachen fell

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**Break to Politics: 1944 Elec.**

- Repubs: Thomas E. Dewey
- FDR re-nominated, fight for a new VP: Harry Truman
- Dewey's Campaign
- Electoral win 432 to 99
- Why did FDR win a 4<sup>th</sup> term?

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**End to Hitler**

- Battle of the Bulge – Dec. '44
- Feb. 1945 – Yalta Conference
- Mar. 1945 – Crossing of Rhine
- Apr. 1945 – Elbe River; Soviets to Berlin; FDR dies; Hitler's suicide
- V-E Day: May 7, 1945

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**Death of Japan and the Bomb**

- Raid on Tokyo (3/9-10/1945)
- Oct. 20: MacArthur returns – Leyte Island, Philippines
- Philippines secured July '45
- Iwo Jima and Okinawa

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**“Atomic Awfulness”**

- Potsdam Conference, July '45
- Manhattan Project
- First atomic test: New Mexico
- Aug. 6/9: Hiroshima/Nagasaki
- Aug. 10: Tokyo sues for peace
- 9/2/45: Official V-J Day

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**End of the War - Allied Victory**

- Death toll
- America untouched again
- War-power America
- Post-war problems covered in next unit

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**Emerging  
Cold War to the  
Korean Conflict**

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**Post-War Economy**

- Would the Depression return?
- 80<sup>th</sup> Congress – GOP Controlled
- Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 / WHY?
- Union membership peak & decline
- 1946 Employment Act
- GI Bill 1944 (Servicemen’s Readjustment)

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**Economic Growth**

- Long-term effects: 1950s-1970s
- Productivity, new housing, jobs – Why?
- Rise of the Sunbelt
  - WHY MOVE SOUTH?
- Suburban growth, white flight, tract homes
- The Baby Boom and its lasting effects

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**Political Problems/dawning of Cold War**

- “His Accidency” Mr. Truman
- Yalta Conference Problems
- US-Soviet Relations – problems?
- **World Cooperation:**
  - IMF, World Bank
  - Charter of the United Nations
  - Failure of the Baruch Plan

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**The German Crisis**

- Post-War Germany as determined by Yalta & Potsdam
- “Iron Curtain” (Mr. Churchill)
- Berlin air lift and Stalin’s promises broken

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**Preparation for a long cold war**

- George Kennan & Containment Policy
- Mar. 12, 1947: The Truman Doctrine
  - US must “support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures”
- The Marshall Plan for Europe
- May 14, 1948: Recognition of Israel

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**National Security Act of 1947**

- Created Department of Defense
- Sec. of Defense (cabinet): Secretaries of Army, Navy, AF (non-cab); & J.C.S.
- National Security Council / Advisor
- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Others: Voice of America, Selective Service
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

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**Post-War and Cold War in Asia**

- Japanese Reconstruction and Gen. Douglas MacArthur
- Red Revolution in China: Nationalists (Chiang Kai-shek) and Communists (Mao Zedong)
- Sep. '49: Soviet a-bomb test; beginning of the nuclear arms race

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**Second Red Scare**

- Loyalty Program; *Dennis v. U.S.*
- Comm. on Un-American Activities-HUAC
- Richard Nixon's hunt of Alger Hiss
- Veto of McCarran Internal Security Act
- Rise of Joseph McCarthy
- The Rosenbergs

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**Controversy of the Election of '48**

- “Dump Truman” movement – Dems split
- Thomas E. Dewey (R); Harry Truman (D); Strom Thurmond (SR); Henry Wallace (P)
- Dixiecrat Revolt
- Surprising win for Truman – WHY did Dewey lose when he had all to gain?
- Truman’s Inaugural

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**Korean War**

- June 25, 1950 invasion: 38<sup>th</sup> to Pusan
- **NSC 68** – must contain communism at all costs; economy can handle it
- Drive North by MacArthur, entrance of Red Chinese
- Firing of MacArthur and public debate
- July 1951 truce, but no agreement

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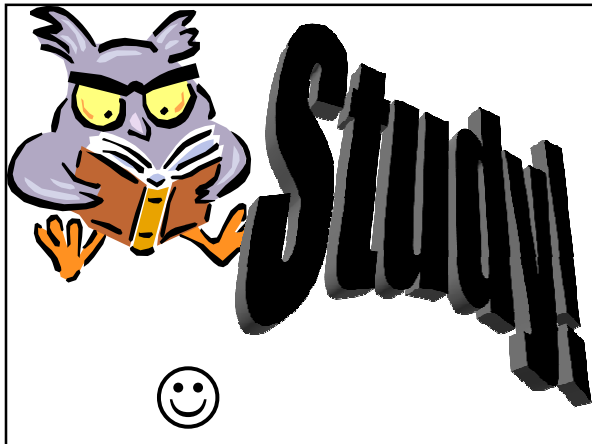
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