

American History Honors

Review Guide for World War II Era (Chapters 24-25)

Reminder: The questions for the Primary Source readings are due on test day, Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

Below is a basic outline of what to review. Please be sure that you have read the textbook selections and studied the notes from our class discussions (our notes include more information than the textbook presents).

1930s Diplomacy / Road to World War II

Review the guided reading/class discussion handout, as well as chapter 24 in the textbook.

- Rise of dictators/totalitarianism (know key events): Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo
- London Economic Conference – result for the world?
- Regional power? Good Neighbor Policy for Latin America and the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act
- Responses of Americans to growing problems in Europe during the 1930s
- Neutrality Acts of 1935, 1936, 1937
- Problems with the Japanese in the 1930s – invasions of Manchuria and China
- Change in isolationism with the outbreak of World War II? FDR's response?
- Know the major timeline of events leading to the outbreak of World War II in September 1939
- 1939 Neutrality Act – “cash and carry”
- “All aid short of war”
- 1940 destroyers-for-bases deal
- 1941 Lend Lease
- Atlantic Conference/Charter (goals)
- Battle of Britain and effects for the United States
- Attack on Pearl Harbor
- Also: Politics – Elections of 1936 & 1940

Mobilization for War

- African American service during the war – at home and in the military
 - Segregated units
 - A. Philip Randolph, March on Washington
 - *Smith v. Allright (1944)*
- Women in the war – at home and in the military
- Japanese internment and *Korematsu v. United States (1944)*
- Labor unions – Smith-Connelly Act, wildcat strikes
- Industry – rationing, cost-plus, ship building, *bracero* program
- Other groups – Mexican-Americans, Native Americans
- Office of War Mobilization
- Office of Price Administration

America in World War II – European Theatre

- Why a Hitler-first strategy?
- Operation Torch / turning points in November 1942
- Significance of the conquest of Sicily = change in Italy
- Operation Overlord – D-day invasion, June 6, 1944
- Battle of the Bulge
- End of the War in Europe

America in World War II – Pacific Theatre

- Japanese strategy and capturing of the Philippines
- Turning point battles of Coral Sea and Midway
- Guadalcanal – lesson learned → island hopping strategy
- Guam and Marianas Islands significance?
- Taking back the Philippines
- Japanese desperation
- Iwo Jima and Okinawa
- Dropping of the atomic bombs – WHY?

Wartime Conferences (know major decisions for each):

Atlantic, Casablanca, Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam

***Note:** The end of Section 25.3 on “Rebuilding Begins” will be covered in our next unit, “The Cold War.”