

World War II

American History Honors
Chapters 24 & 25
Additional sources

Road to World War II in Europe

- Covered on the Guided Reading handout
- US Isolationism and Neutrality Acts

Beginnings of War

- Failure of the Munich Conference
- Hitler-Stalin Non-aggression Pact
- *Blitzkrieg*
- Invasion of Poland – Sept. 1, 1939
- Phony War
- Fall of France – June 1940
- Battle of Britain

The Holocaust

- General discussion from textbook, 24.3

American Responses to War

- 1939 Neutrality Act – “cash and carry”
- Tripartite Pact and the “Axis Powers”
- “All aid short of war”
- Preparedness Movement again
- Conscription Act of 1940 (in response to Fall of France)

Election of 1940

- Why did Republicans choose Willkey?
- Why did FDR run again?
- Why was FDR able to win so easily?

Siding with the Allied Powers

- Propaganda
- Britain the “defender of democracy”
- Destroyers-for-Bases deal 1940
- Four Freedoms Speech, Jan. 1941
- Lend Lease – is this neutrality?
- Hitler invades the USSR; Stalin becomes an ally – “unlikely bedfellow”?
- Convoy system again

Atlantic Conference

- Secret meeting of FDR & Churchill
- August 1941
- Basic goals of war
 - Self-determination
 - A better league
 - Sound like the old Fourteen Points?
- Shoot on Sight policy

Pearl Harbor

- Problems with Japan
 - 1937 Invasion of China, *Panay* incident, Quarantine Speech
 - Japan’s war strategy
- Peace talks with the US?
- December 7th, 1941
- US Response and Declaration of War

The U.S. enters World War II

The following slides do not necessarily follow textbook order for Ch. 25.

US Enters the War

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

War & Industry Again

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

Men & Women in War

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

Another Great Migration

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

Home Front Results

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

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?

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

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

North African Front

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

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

D-Day Invasion

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

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 4th term?

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

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

“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

End of the War - Allied Victory

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