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WORLD WAR 2

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1. *The Treaty of Versailles*, ending World War 1, was particularly harsh on Germany and many Germans came to blame western Europe and America for their hardships.

2. The Great Depression spread, causing unemployment and low economic activity in many nations throughout the world, including Germany, Italy, and Spain.

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3. Just as America turned to Roosevelt as a means to recover from the Depression, many European nations began to turn to fascist dictators who promised to end the Depression.

- Germany – Adolf Hitler
- Italy – Benito Mussolini
- Japan – Hideki Tojo

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**WORLD WAR 2**

World War 2 began on September 1, 1939 with Nazi Germany’s surprise attack on Poland. For the second time in the 20th Century, the world was divided into two hostile armed camps/alliances:

The Axis:
- Germany
- Japan
- Italy

The Allies:
- Great Britain
- France
- The Soviet Union

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The Axis powers quickly gained the upper hand in the war, conquering much of Europe and the Pacific...but the United States chose to remain neutral in the conflict.

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Several events began to draw America into the war:

1. The Lend-Lease Act:
   - Though the U.S. was neutral, Roosevelt wanted the democratic nations of Europe (mainly France and Great Britian) to survive.
   - In 1941, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, lending supplies to any country whose defense was critical to U.S. security, in exchange for bases on Greenland and Iceland.
   - The U.S. ultimately provided the Allies with $50 billion in supplies.

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- Lend-Lease was able to allow the U.S. to support the Allies without committing U.S. troops.

- Roosevelt referred to the United States as an “arsenal for democracy.”

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2. Japanese Aggression in Asia:

- Tensions between the United States and the Empire of Japan increased because of Japanese conquests of China, Thailand, and Indochina.

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Several events began to draw America into the war:

3. The Attack on Pearl Harbor:

- On December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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3. The Attack on Pearl Harbor:

- The attack crippled the U.S. Pacific fleet, sinking or damaging 8 battleships, 13 other ships, 188 planes, and killing 2,400.
- Pearl Harbor was the 2nd greatest attack in the history of the United States, only behind the terrorist attacks of 9-11.

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3. The Attack on Pearl Harbor:

   - The following day, December 8, 1941, the U.S. Congress declared war on Japan.

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The attack at Pearl Harbor brought the enormous military might of the U.S. into the war:

• On June 6, 1944, the U.S. led the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe.
• By May 8, 1945, Hitler was dead and Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies.
• By August 15, 1945, Japan surrendered to the Allies after the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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What do you remember about…

…World War 2 ???

1. At the start of the war, the Allied powers were ______________________________ ____________.

2. The Axis powers were __________________________.

3. The leader of Nazi Germany was ____________.

4. The U.S. provided the Allies with supplies through the ________________.

5. The U.S. entered World War 2 after the attack on ________________.

6. The attack on Pearl Harbor occurred on ________________.

7. The nation that attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor was _____.

8. Japan surrendered after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on __________ and ________.

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