

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The 1920's and 1930's were times of extreme \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries. Most \_\_\_\_\_ felt that their country had been treated unfairly. They wanted \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ felt that they had not been rewarded enough for their part in the Allied victory in World War I. In Asia, the \_\_\_\_\_ felt that they had a "right" to control all the lands and ocean areas around their country.

2. The Great Depression that affected the United States spread to nearly every \_\_\_\_\_ country. People were ready to accept any leader who promised to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

3. What is a dictatorship? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why is this form of government called "totalitarian?" \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. On the lines below list the countries that changed their governments to dictatorships in the years after World War I. Next to each write the name(s) of the person or people who became dictator in those countries.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who were the "Facists?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Who were the "Nazis?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What two groups were the focus of Nazi hatred? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What did the people who became dictators promise the people they ruled?  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

9. Compare the way the dictatorships "behaved" between 1931 and 1939? How were their actions alike?  
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10. In the 1930's, Great Britain and France generally followed a policy of "appeasement" when it came to the dictators. What does this mean?

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11. World War II began on September 1, 1939. What event that occurred on this date to historians use to mark the beginning of World War II?

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12. When the war broke out, the U.S. tried to remain \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The U.S. became involved in World War II on December 7, 1941. Why?

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14. How did the Soviet Union (USSR) become involved in World War II?

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15. On the lines below, list the names of the 3 main Allied nations. Next to each, write the name of the person who was the leader of that country.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

16. There were three parts to the Allied plan to defeat Germany and Italy in Europe. List them.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

17. June 6, 1944 is known as "D-Day." What important World War II event happened on that date?

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18. While troops from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ pushed the German army through France, the \_\_\_\_\_ troops pushed the Germans back from the east. The Germans were caught in the middle!

19. May 8, 1945 is known as "VE Day" (VE = Victory in Europe). What happened on this date?

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20. It was discovered that during the war Germany had confined millions of people in “concentration camps.”  
What happened to the people in these camps?

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What group in particular were the victims of the concentration camps? \_\_\_\_\_

21. The U.S. plan to defeat Japan in the Pacific became known as “island hopping.” How does this name fit  
what happened?

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22. In April 1945 President \_\_\_\_\_ died suddenly. \_\_\_\_\_  
became President and led the U.S. through the remainder of World War II.

23. What “secret weapon” helped the U.S. finally defeat Japan \_\_\_\_\_  
Where was this weapon first used? \_\_\_\_\_ Where was it used next?  
\_\_\_\_\_? What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_

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24. What date is known as “VJ Day” (VJ = Victory over Japan)? \_\_\_\_\_

25. How did World War II create opportunities for women in the U.S.?

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26. What is “rationing?” \_\_\_\_\_

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Why was *rationing* necessary during World War II? \_\_\_\_\_

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27. How did *recycling* contribute to the war effort? \_\_\_\_\_

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28. Describe how Japanese Americans were treated during World War II.

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29. You'll have to THINK about this one! Why do you think Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps, while German Americans and Italian Americans were not?

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30. What was the **Holocaust**? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why were over 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_