

American History: Chapter 19: The Coming of War 1931 – 1942

U.S. History Objectives, North Carolina SCS

10.01: Elaborate on the causes of World War II and reasons for U.S. entry into the war.

10.02: Identify military, political, and diplomatic turning points of the war and determine their significance to the outcome and aftermath of the conflict.

10.03: Describe and analyze the effects of the war on American economic, social, political, and cultural life.

In this chapter you will learn about the rise of dictators in Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union. You will discover the ideas of isolationism within the United States and how other nations misinterpret this policy as they plan to expand into other countries. You will learn how unchecked nationalism leads to empire building in Asia and how one party rule can dominate a nation. The peace which was secured by the Treaty of Versailles quickly becomes reasons for some nations to turn to a totalitarian form of government and militarism to unify their people. The need for increased land area and raw materials also become reasons for some nations to attack others.

Section 1: Dictators and Wars:

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: Spanish Civil War, totalitarianism, anti-Semitic, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, Anschluss
- Create a table like the one located on page 640 of your textbook. As you read, summarize the actions in the 1930's of each of the countries listed.
- Explain how dictators and militaristic regimes arose in several countries in the 1930's

Section 2: From Isolation to Involvement:

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: blitzkrieg, Neutrality Act of 1939, Lend-Lease Act, Atlantic Charter,
- Draw a time line and sequence the major events describe in section 2, beginning with September 1, 1939.
- Describe Franklin Roosevelt's foreign policy in the mid-1930's and the great debate between interventionists and isolationists

Section 3: America Enters the War:

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: Hideki Tojo, Pearl Harbor, Bataan Death March, Battle of the Coral Sea
- Create a graphic organizer as shown on page 657. Record the causes and effects of the attack on Pearl Harbor, as well as details about the attack itself
- Explain why Japan decided to attack Pearl Harbor, and describe the attack itself