

**WWII**

**CAUSES**

**AND**

**OUTCOMES**

# **AUTOCRACY, DEMOCRACY, IMPERIALISM**

## **GERMANY; AUTOCRACY**

**Hitler came to power by general election and was popular among the people due to humiliation from outcome of WWI**

**Lost colonies in Africa and Asia as a result of the Versailles settlement**

## **JAPAN; IMPERIALISM**

**Learned lessons from 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century European countries; expansion into East Asia**

**By early 30s started empire in Korea, Manchuria and China**

# **AUTOCRACY, DEMOCRACY, IMPERIALISM CON'T**

**U.S.**

**We had issues such as racism to Native Americans  
and internment of Japanese**

**Robbed them of dignity, property and liberty**

# **DIPLOMACY AND WAR: 1933-1945**

**FDR initiated World Economic Conference in 1933**

**Not successful; worsened confidence**

**Reciprocal Trade Agreement to reduce tariffs in 1934**

## **RECOGNIZING THE SOVIET UNION**

**FDR believed it would restrain Japan**

**Nov. 16, 1933 US and Soviet Union formalized relations**

**No communist propaganda in U.S.**

**Religious freedom and right to fair trial for Americans  
in Russia**

# **“GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY”**

**U.S. and other civilized countries respect the rights of others**

**No intervention in internal affairs of others**

**The “New World” will act in concert**

**FDR: hard to be a good neighbor of Cuba**

**Mexico: greatest interwar test; Cardenaz wanted socialism  
settled differences two weeks before Pearl Harbor**

# **NEUTRALITY AND THE DESCENT INTO WAR**

## **NEUTRALITY ACTS**

**Congress in isolationist mood**

**No arms to either side**

**“Cash and carry”**

## **RISE OF FASCISM**

**Germany, Italy, Japan- state is greatest institution**

**Future is ordered regimes- no personal liberty**

**Italy invades Ethiopia- failure of League of Nations**

**1939- Fascists won conflict in Spain**

# **NEUTRALITY AND THE DESCENT INTO WAR CON'T**

**CHAMBERLIAN MET WITH HITLER AND SECEDED  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

**“APPEASEMENT”**

**Hitler attacks Poland 9/1/39- “blitzkrieg”**

**Britain and France declare war- no offensive**

**Russia invades Finland**

**Hitler attacks Denmark then Norway**

**CHURCHILL- destroy Nazis; no negotiations**

**In 6 weeks, Hitler captures France**

**IN FAR EAST, JAPAN MILITARIST STATE DOMINATES ALL OF  
ASIA**

# **FROM NEUTRALITY TO UNDECLARED WAR: 1937-1941**

**AMERICANS ARE ISOLATIONIST**

**ISOLATIONIST VS. INTERVENTIONISTS**

**FDR denounced Japan's war in China- 1937**

**Declaration of Panama- war free zone 300 mi out to sea**

**Neutrality Act of 1939- repealed embargo on arms but kept "cash and carry"**

**Selective Service Act 1940- 1.6MM conscripted**

**ELECTION OF 1940**

**FDR directed large scale build up of defenses**

**Lend-Lease Act- favored trade with Great Britain**

**Atlantic Charter- FDR & Churchill- self determination**

**15 countries including Soviet Union**



# **TENSIONS WITH JAPAN**

**FDR severed economic ties with Japan**

**U.S. demanded Japan retreat from all conquests since '37**

**Japan toppled Konoye and installed General Hideki Tojo-  
wanted war**

**PEARL HARBOR- DEC 7 '41**

**Strategic defeat for Japan- did not destroy Pacific  
fleet**

**HITLER, MUSSOLINI AND JAPAN ENTER THE TRIPARTITE  
PACT- war on U.S.**

**Jan 1 '42- Declaration of United Nations- “no separate peace”**

**U.S., Britain, Soviet Union and 23 other nations**

# **THE HOME FRONT**

## **THE NATION BEGIN TO FIGHT**

**Population shifted northward- Chicago, Cleveland-  
defense factories**

**U.S. fights on 3 fronts in European theater: Russia, N. Africa,  
Atlantic**

**1942- Japan hits British, Dutch, U.S. possessions in Asia**

**\*\*\*\*Bataan Death March in Philippines- major NM  
connection**

## **MOBILIZING THE U.S. ECONOMY**

**Labor shortages**

**War Production Board- oversees all industry**

**War Manpower Commission- 48 hr. workweeks**

# **THE HOME FRONT**

## **MOBILIZING THE ECONOMY CON'T**

**War Labor Board 1942- guidelines for wages, hours**

**Women entered the workforce**

**Massive federal spending and consumer shortages=  
inflation**

**Emergency Price Control Act 1942- fixing prices and  
rationing**

## **THE CITIZEN ARMY**

**20MM men and women in uniform**

**Discrimination against blacks and Japanese**

**Segregated blacks**

**Relocation centers**

# **THE HOME FRONT**

## **WARTIME ENTERTAINMENT**

**Edward R. Murrow- dramatic broadcasts**

**Superman, Joe Palooka**

**Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett**

**No feminist reforms- yearn for normal times “wife and mother”**

# **EARLY WAR IN EUROPE AND PACIFIC**

**MIDWAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECISIVE DEFEAT FOR JAPAN IN 350 YEARS**

**BATTLE OF SAVO ISLAND- WORST DEFEAT IN U.S. NAVAL  
HISTORY**

**GUADALCANAL- TURNING POINT IN MID-FED '43**

**WAR IN RUSSIA AND N. AFRICA**

**As compared to European continent, Montgomery  
and Eisenhower attacked**

**Winter of '42-'43 Allies halted Axis advance**

**Russian Front- turning point was Stalingrad Feb '43**

**Russians lost 20MM people**

# **COALITION DIPLOMACY: 1943-1945**

**EARLY '43 IN CASABLANCA- U.S. & BRITAIN ACCEPT  
GERMANY'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER- REASSURED  
SOVIET UNION**

**ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY  
WITH ITALY- UPSET STALIN**

**CAIRO- FDR, CHURCHILL, CHIANG KAI SHEK- AGREED ON  
JAPANESE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER**

**TEHRAN- WORLD'S LEADERS-FOUNDED UNITED NATIONS  
TO OVERSEE AND HAVE COLLECTIVE SECURITY**

# **1944 FINAL STRUGGLE**

**3MM BOMBS FELL BETWEEN '42-'45**

**DDAY JUNE 6 '44- BLITZGRIEG IN REVERSE**

**GERMANY'S FINAL OFFENSIVE-BATTLE OF THE BULGE**

**EASTERN FRONT (RUSSIA)- WAR OF ATTRITION**

**"TWO ROADS TO TOKYO" BEGAN IN '43**

**Oct 20 '44 McArthur and Philippines- largest naval battle**

**Feb 23 '45 Iwo Jima**

# **YALTA AND THE POSTWAR WORLD**

**WESTERN ALLIES- SELF DETERMINATION**

**RUSSIA-RED ARMY; INSTALL KREMLIN REGIME**

## **PLANNING FOR POSTWAR WORLD**

**Feb '45; FDR, Churchill, Stalin in Yalta**

**Stalin determined to erect subservient governments  
along Soviet Borders- Eastern Europe, China, Iran**

**Broke Germany into four sectors controlled by U.S.,  
Britain, France, Soviet Union**



# **END OF THE WAR**

**Eisenhower surrounds and destroys German armies in Rhineland; Churchill disagreed; Eisenhower won**

**VE Day- May 7, 1945**

**August 6, '45 Hiroshima**

**August 9, '45 Nagasaki**

**August 10, Japanese surrender**