

WORLD HISTORY 3201

Learning Outcomes

Unit 3

At the end of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Define: Pan-Germanism, Lebensraum, Anschluss, Sudetenland, Munich Pact, Nazi-Soviet Pact.
2. Identify the two main military alliances of World War II and list three key members of each.
3. Analyze the League of Nation's effectiveness in dealing with threats to world peace with reference to:
 - Japanese occupation of Manchuria 1931-1932
 - Italian invasion of Ethiopia 1935
 - German rearmament 1935
 - German occupation of the Rhineland 1936
 - Japanese all-out war against China 1937
4. Analyze reasons for German expansion during the late 1930s.
5. Describe the policy of appeasement as it is related to German expansion and identify two reasons why Britain and France were prepared to follow this policy.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of appeasement in containing the territorial expansion of Nazism.
7. Analyze documents to compare Winston Churchill's views on appeasement with those of Neville Chamberlain.
8. Explain why Britain and France ended appeasement with Hitler's demands on Poland.
9. Define: blitzkrieg, phony war, Maginot Line, kamikazes.
10. Assess the early success of Germany in the first year of World War II.
11. Analyze two reasons why Britain was able to survive the Battle of Britain.
12. Describe the impact of the following key battles on the outcome of World War II:
 - Dunkirk evacuation
 - Battle of Britain
 - Operation Barbarossa
 - Battle of El Alamein
 - Battle of Stalingrad
 - Battle of the Atlantic
 - Battles of Midway and Coral Sea
 - Normandy invasion (D-Day)

13. Explain how the stationing of the American Pacific fleet in Pearl Harbour and American economic sanctions against Japan strained Japanese-American relations prior to the attack on Pearl Harbour.
14. Describe how each of the following factors contributed to American military success over Japan.
 - size of American fleet
 - more advanced technology and greater industrial strength
15. Draw conclusions about how the American entry into world War II affected the war's outcome.
16. Judge whether or not the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan was justified.
17. Describe the tragedy of war with reference to each:
 - The Holocaust
 - Allied bombing of Dresden
 - Japanese treatment of prisoners of war
18. Define: Atlantic Charter, sphere-of-influence, Nuremberg Trials.
19. Describe the general agreements made at Yalta regarding the political future of Germany and Eastern Europe with reference to:
 - the division of Germany
 - free elections in Eastern Europe
20. Draw conclusions about how differing interpretations of the Yalta agreements between the Soviet Union and the West might pose future tension over Germany and Eastern Europe.
21. Analyze the decisions reached at Potsdam regarding contentious issues relating to Poland and Germany.
22. Evaluate how new leaders and technological developments increased tension at Potsdam.
23. Analyze the challenges faced by the United Nations with reference to its:
 - structure
 - purposes and principles
24. Use selected pieces of music, fashion, art or literature to show the impact of World War II on the daily lives of citizens.