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**World War II Study Guide**

**People**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt-*president of US during WWII*

Joseph Stalin*-leader of Russia during WWII*

Winston Churchill­-*leader of Britain during WWII*

Benito Mussolini*-leader of Italy during WWII*

Emperor Tojo*-leader of Japan in WWII*

Adolf Hitler*-leader of Germany during WWII*

Neville Chamberlain*-leader of Britain before WWII, tried to appease Hitler by giving him Czechoslovakia*

**Events/Terms**

Pearl Harbor*-December 7, 1941, Japanese attack Pearl Harbor and US declares war*

Lend-Lease Act*-US lends military supplies to Britain*

Blitzkrieg*—lightning war, German strategy was to destroy key points quickly with tanks and airplanes*

Island Hopping*-Allied strategy to defeat Japan, gradually get closer to Japanese mainland*

Atomic Bomb*-dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, extremely powerful*

Holocaust*-Hitler’s plan to exterminate all the unwanted races, especially Jews*

Appeasement*-Britain trying to give Hitler what he wanted (Czechoslovakia) in order to avoid war*

Battle of Britain*-(1940) Germany trying to bomb Britain into submission, Britain wins because of radar*

Totalitarianism*-one person having complete control of a country*

Fascism*-everything is to support the government, people’s job is to make the government great*

Draft*-way for a country to increase its military, citizens are forced to join*

D-Day*-June 6, 1944, Allies recapture part of France despite massive casualties*

Japanese Internment Camps*-US forces Japanese to live in camps because we’re afraid of spies*

Rosie the Riveter*­-symbol of the working woman in WWII*

Embargo*-refusing to trade with someone*

**Practice Questions**

**Why did people like Mussolini and Hitler come into power?**

*The economy of their countries was terrible and not getting better so citizens wanted a change. They voted in dictators so they could make decisions quickly and fix the economy.*

**Who were the three main Axis and Allied countries and their leaders?**

**Axis Allies**

Germany-Adolf Hitler Britain-Winston Churchill

Italy-Benito Mussolini USA-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Japan-Emperor Tojo Soviet Union-Joseph Stalin

**How could something as bad as the Holocaust happen? What allowed it to occur?**

People didn’t say anything, Germans were brainwashed, people didn’t know the extent of it, people were afraid for their own lives, it was gradual so people didn’t notice

**Was the U.S. justified in dropping the atomic bomb? Give reasons for and against the U.S. dropping the bomb.**

Yes-saved American lives, Japanese attacked us first, Japan wasn’t surrendering, had to show the rest of the world we were powerful

No-we killed mostly civilians, Japan was probably going to surrender anyway because USSR and Britain joined against them, we were already dropping firebombs

**How did the U.S. benefit from the Lend-Lease Act?**

US economy got a boost because we had to create a lot of weapons for Britain.

We helped Britain stay alive so we had an ally in Europe to fight Germany and Italy

-Saved American lives by having Britain fight first, we just sacrificed supplies at first

**How did the U.S. prepare itself for war? Consider things that everyday people had to do.**

Draft-people had to join the army Ration Cards-People had to consume less

Victory Gardens-encouraged to grow own vegetables

Junk Drives-kids went around collecting scrap metal for the military

**Review your Facts Every American Should Know sheet!**

**Know countries! Britain, France, Spain, U.S.S.R., Germany, Poland, Italy, China, Japan**