

Social Science

World War II

- I. THE ROOTS AND CAUSES OF WORLD WAR II 15%
 - A. The Treaty of Versailles
 - 1. Western Views
 - 2. German Views
 - 3. Flaws of Versailles
 - B. The Rise of Totalitarianism
 - 1. Mussolini and Fascism
 - a. Key features of Fascist ideology and practices
 - b. Key events prior to 1938–39
 - 2. Stalin and the Soviet Union
 - a. Key characteristics of Stalinism
 - b. Key events prior to 1938–39
 - 3. Hitler and Nazi Germany
 - a. The Beer Hall Putsch
 - b. The Great Depression and National Socialism in Germany
 - c. Key characteristics of National Socialism
 - d. Key events prior to 1938–39
 - 4. Militarism in Japan
 - a. Key events prior to 1937
 - C. Crises of 1938–39
 - 1. Anschluss with Austria
 - 2. Munich crisis
 - 3. Hitler and Poland
- II. THE WAR IN EUROPE 30%
 - A. 1939
 - 1. Attack on Poland
 - 2. “The Phoney War”
 - 3. The Winter War
 - 4. American Neutrality in 1939
 - B. 1940
 - 1. Prelude to the Attack on France
 - 2. The Attack on France
 - 3. The Battle of Britain
 - 4. Italy and North Africa

- C. 1941
 - 1. Prelude to the Invasion of the Soviet Union
 - 2. The Attack on the Soviet Union
 - 3. Germany in North Africa
 - 4. Changing Attitudes in America

- D. 1942
 - 1. The Battle of Stalingrad
 - 2. The First and Second Battles of El Alamein
 - 3. Operation Torch
 - 4. The Battle of the Atlantic

- E. 1943
 - 1. The Casablanca Conference
 - 2. Endgame in North Africa
 - 3. Sicily and Italy
 - 4. German Retreat in the East

- F. 1944
 - 1. The War in Italy
 - 2. The Second Front in France
 - 3. The Drive on Germany

- G. 1945
 - 1. The Yalta Conference
 - 2. Allied Advance in the West
 - 3. Soviet Advance in the East
 - 4. German Surrender

III. THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

30%

- A. 1937
 - 1. The Invasion of China

- B. 1940

- C. 1941
 - 1. Pearl Harbor
 - 2. Offensive in the Far East

- D. 1942
 - 1. The Fall of Singapore
 - 2. The Battle of the Java Sea
 - 3. The Loss of the Philippines

4. The Doolittle Raid
 5. Internment of Japanese Americans
 6. The Battle of the Coral Sea
 7. The Battle of Midway
 8. Guadalcanal
- E. 1943
1. Papua New Guinea
 2. The Japanese “Rice Offensive” in China
 3. Island Hopping: Tarawa
- F. 1944
1. Island Hopping: Saipan and Tinian
 2. The Liberation of the Philippines
 3. Japanese Retreat in Burma
- G. 1945
1. Battle of Iwo Jima
 2. Strategic Bombing of Japan
 3. Battle of Okinawa
 4. The Potsdam Conference
 5. Endgame in the Pacific

IV. THE HOLOCAUST

10%

- A. The Roots of Nazi Anti-Semitism
- B. The Nuremberg Race Laws and Kristallnacht
- C. Einsatzgruppen
- D. The Final Solution—the Wannsee Conference
- E. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
- F. The Liberation of the Camps
- G. The Long-Term Effects of the Holocaust

V. AFTERMATH AND CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD WAR II

15%

- A. Postwar Trials at Nuremberg and Tokyo
 1. The Nuremberg Trials
 2. Trials in Japan
- B. Roots of the Cold War—Division in Europe
- C. Roots of the Cold War—Division in Asia
 1. Korea
 2. China
- F. The Atomic Age
- G. Decolonization

1. India
2. Indochina
3. Africa