

IBHOA/APUSH World War II

(Period 7 – The End!)

Prewar Foreign Policy – Hoover, FDR – Isolationism between the wars

Good Neighbor Policy

- U.S. role in Central and South America
- Examples
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The Stimson Doctrine

- began w/ Hoover, cont'd with FDR
- What it said?
- targeted Japan directly and all aggressors indirectly
- violated Open Door Policy, Nine Power Treaty, and Kellogg Briand Pact
- U.S. - \$86m aid to China

European Climate mid 1930s – rise of dictators

- Italy invades Ethiopia 1935 under Mussolini
- Spanish Civil War - Franco
- Hitler to power in Germany

Isolationism and Neutrality at Home

- **Nye Committee** investigations 1934
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Neutrality Acts 1935-39

- series of measures by U.S. to avoid being dragged into war again
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- exception to these acts was aid to China – seen as victim of Japanese aggression

The War in Europe

- failure of policy of “appeasement”
- Germany and Russia sign a Non-Aggression Pact
- Germany invades Poland Sept 1, 1939, blitzkrieg begins
- France falls summer 1940
- Aerial bombing of England begins

Towards War at Home

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 4. Embargo on Japan 1940-41
 5. Atlantic Charter August 1941
*FDR and Churchill
- A.
 - B.
 - C.

6. America First Committee

- public opinion divided
- anti-war group – incl Lindbergh, Hoover

7. Fall 1941

- U.S. and Japanese diplomats try to work out problems over China
- U.S. – trade embargo vs. Japan – gas, steel, tools
- rejected Japanese demands to end the embargo b/c of Open Door violations
- Emperor Hirohito gives Japanese diplomats until late Nov to work out problems
- Attack Dec 7, 1941 – Pearl Harbor
- FDR – “day that will live in infamy”
- J – fear of “awakening a sleeping giant”
- all in Cong but 1 vote for war

The Homefront and U.S. Involvement in WWII

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4. Japanese Internment – 180,000

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- Why?
- Shock of Pearl Harbor
- Racist dislike of Japanese
- Profit on property taken from Jap-Am's - \$350M
- Jap-Am reaction – highly patriotic
- 17,000+ joined U.S. army

5. Women – to factories again

- “Rosie the Riveter”
- Tripled # of women employed by US
- Churches – elderly women – provided day care

6. AAs/Minorities

- Role of Eleanor Roosevelt
- mediated w/ black leaders – A. Phillip Randolph – to forbid discrimination by companies with *gov't defense contracts* – CORE
- FDR – Executive Order 8802
- CORE founded 1942 – 2nd of the “Big Four” civil rights organizations
- High paying industrial jobs
- Movement west
- Bracero Program
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- 1943 Race Riots – LA, Detroit

Defeating Germany

- Operation Overlord
- D-Day invasion of France
- June 1944
- Role of Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Battle of Berlin – Spring 1945

Yalta Conference Feb 1945

- “Big Three” – FDR, Churchill, Stalin
- To decide Europe’s fate after the war

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- Republicans in Congress angry
- felt too many concessions given to Stalin

Defeating Japan

- Battle of Midway June 1942
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The Manhattan Project 1939

- letter from Einstein to Roosevelt – possibility of splitting uranium atom – release of energy
- J. Robert Oppenheimer
- Secrecy – lab in Los Alamos, NM – also worked in New York, Chicago, Texas
- \$2 billion – thousands of scientists, little contact betw cities

Death of FDR April 1945 –

Harry Truman becomes POTUS – informed of Manhattan Project – makes fateful decision to end the war quickly

- “Little Boy” – Aug 6, 1945 on Hiroshima –100,000 dead + 100,000 affected
- “Fat Man” – Aug 9 – Nagasaki 70,000
- Emperor Hirohito – orders surrender Sept. 2

Effects of War

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