

Chapter Thirty-Five

America in World War II, 1941-1945

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- 1. to attack Germany and Japan simultaneously with equal force.
- 2. to concentrate naval forces in the Pacific and ground forces in Europe.
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- 4. to attack Germany and Japan from the "back door" routes of North Africa and China.

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Hint: See page 821.

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- 2. it was simply a "dirty job" that had to be done.
- 3. it was an idealistic crusade to spread democracy and freedom around the globe.
- 4. it had been brought on by Franklin Roosevelt's rather deceitful maneuvers and provocations.

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Hint: See page 823.

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- 3. women.
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- 4. Los Angeles

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Hint: See page 829.

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- 1. became more prosperous than they ever had before.
- 2. suffered severely from shortages and rationing of goods.
- 3. were unable to escape from Depression-era low wages and unemployment.
- 4. sent most of their new wartime earnings to their sons (or daughters) in the armed forces.

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- 2. finally turning the tide against the advancing Japanese and Germans.
- 3. delivering weapons and supplies across the Rockies on the "Alcan Highway" to Alaska.
- 4. leapfrogging across high volcanic Pacific islands in order to attack low-lying atolls held by the Japanese.

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Hint: See page 835.

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- 1. they believed that there were peace-loving elements within the German and Japanese governments.
- 2. they thought that the Nazis could stay in power if they agreed to give up their conquests.
- 3. they thought that the policy would be impossible to implement without modifications.
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Hint: See page 836.

The essential American strategy in the Pacific called for

- 1. securing bases in China from which to bomb the Japanese home islands.
- 2. carrying the war into Southeast Asia from Australia and New Guinea.
- 3. advancing on as broad a front as possible all across the Pacific.
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