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Texto A

WHY AMERICA NEEDS WAR

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01 Wars are a terrible waste of lives and resources, and for that reason most people are in
02 principle opposed to wars.
03 This system - America's brand of capitalism - functions first and foremost to make extremely
04 rich Americans even richer. Without warm or cold wars, however, this system can no longer
05 produce the expected result in the form of the ever-higher profits the moneyed and powerful
06 of America consider as their birthright.
07 The great strength of American capitalism is also its great weakness, namely, its extremely
08 high productivity. In the historical development of the international economic system that
09 we call capitalism, a number of factors have produced enormous increases in productivity,
10 for example, the mechanization of the production process introduced by Henry Ford.
11 The productivity of the great American enterprises rose spectacularly; for example,
12 already in the twenties countless vehicles rolled off the assembly lines of the automobile
13 factories of Michigan every single day. But who was supposed to buy all those cars?
14 Most Americans at the time did not have sufficiently robust pocket books for such
15 a purchase. Other industrial products similarly flooded the market, and the result
16 was the emergence of a chronic disharmony between the ever-increasing economic
17 *supply* and the lagging *demand*. Thus arose the economic crisis generally known as
18 the Great Depression. It was essentially a crisis of overproduction. Unemployment
19 exploded, and so the purchasing power of the American people shrunk even more, making
20 the crisis even worse.
21 It cannot be denied that in America the Great Depression only ended during, and because
22 of, the Second World War. Economic demand rose spectacularly when the war which had
23 started in Europe, and in which the USA itself was not an active participant before 1942,
24 allowed American industry to produce unlimited amounts of war equipment. Between 1940
25 and 1945, the American state would spend no less than 185 billion dollar on such equipment,
26 and the military expenditures' share of the GNP (gross national product) thus rose between
27 1939 and 1945 from an insignificant 1,5 per cent to approximately 40 per cent. The key problem
28 of the Great Depression -- the disequilibrium between supply and demand -- was thus resolved.
29 However, America -- corporate America, the America of the super-rich -- urgently needed
30 a new enemy in order to justify the titanic expenditures for "defense" which were needed
31 to keep the wheels of the nation's economy spinning at full speed. It is for this reason that
32 the Cold War was unleashed in 1945, not by the Soviets but by the American "military-
33 -industrial" complex, as was called that elite of wealthy individuals and corporations that

34 knew how to profit from the “warfare economy.”
35 In this respect, the Cold War exceeded their fondest expectations. More and more martial
36 equipment had to be cranked out, because the allies within the so-called “free world”,
37 which actually included plenty of nasty dictatorships, had to be armed to the teeth with
38 US equipment.
39 Later, America, or rather, corporate America, was orphaned of its useful Soviet enemy,
40 and urgently needed to conjure up new enemies and new threats in order to justify a high level
41 of military spending. It is in this context that in 1990 Saddam Hussein appeared on the scene like
42 a kind of *deus ex machina*. This dictator, previously perceived and treated by the Americans
43 as a good friend, had been armed to the teeth so that he could wage a nasty war against Iran;
44 it was the USA - and allies such as Germany - who originally supplied him with his infamous
45 weapons of mass destruction.

Marque a resposta correta, de acordo com o texto acima.

1- O grande impulso inicial dado à indústria americana foi:

- a) O fato de que a maioria das pessoas são contra guerras.
- b) A mecanização do processo de produção introduzida por Henry Ford.**
- c) O desenvolvimento de um sistema econômico internacional.
- d) Os lucros cada vez mais altos dos americanos.
- e) A quantidade de veículos fabricados.

2- Qual a palavra que poderia substituir *pocket books*, na linha 14, sem modificar o sentido da mesma, no contexto onde se encontra?

- a) little books
- b) check book
- c) income**
- d) employment
- e) checking account

3- Qual a explicação dada pelo autor do texto para a ocorrência da Grande Depressão?

- a) A desarmonia entre a grande oferta e pequena demanda no mercado americano.**
- b) O alto preço dos automóveis nos EUA.
- c) O desemprego.
- d) A falta de mão-de-obra especializada.
- e) O desequilíbrio da bolsa de valores.

4- Segundo o autor, o que contribuiu para o fim da Grande Depressão?

- a) A diminuição do número de automóveis fabricados.
- b) O fim da Segunda Guerra Mundial.
- c) A participação do exército americano na Segunda Guerra Mundial.
- d) O desempenho da bolsa de valores entre anos 40 e 45.
- e) A fabricação de equipamento bélico durante a Segunda Guerra Mundial.**

5- O pronome *their* (linha 06) refere-se a:

- a) *This system* (linha 03)
- b) *the ever-higher profits* (linhas 05)
- c) *warm and cold wars* (linha 04)
- d) ***the moneyed and powerful of America* (linhas 05-06)**
- e) *Americans* (linha 04)

6- Traduza em bom português as frases que seguem (ou explique com suas palavras).

- a) *This system – America’s brand of capitalism – functions first and foremost to make extremely rich Americans even richer. Without cold and warm wars, however, this system can no longer produce the expected result in the form of the ever-higher profits the moneyed and powerful of America consider as their birthright.* (linhas 03-06)

Esse sistema, a marca do capitalismo norte-americano, funciona primeiramente e acima de tudo para que os norte-americanos extremamente ricos fiquem cada vez mais ricos. Sem guerras frias e “quentes”, entretanto, esse sistema não pode produzir o resultado esperado na forma de lucros cada vez maiores, em que os ricos e poderosos norte-americanos os consideram como seu direito de nascença.

- b) *It is for this reason that the Cold War was unleashed in 1945, not by the Soviets but by the American “military-industrial” complex, as was called that elite of wealthy individuals and corporations that knew how to profit from the “warfare economy.”* (linhas 31 a 34)

É por essa razão que a Guerra Fria se desencadeou em 1945, não por conta dos Soviéticos, mas sim pelo complexo "industrial militar" norte-americano, como era chamado aquela elite de pessoas e corporações que sabiam como lucrar através da “economia de guerra” .

**7- Descreva em inglês seu perfil profissional e experiência na área de tecnologia.
(Mínimo de 5 linhas)**

I’m a computer engineer student, nowadays I do a volunteer work in a student 's company at my college, there I do websites and systems projects with Laravel for micro and medium local entrepreneurs, just for experience and knowledge. I’m constantly studying things beyond college through platforms like Coursera, Udemy and Alura. Actually, I have been studying React and Node. Besides that, I usually use the MVC architecture, and I have knowledge of Git and MySQL. If you want to see some of my project here is my github profile: github.com/hudsoncratz