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WWII Chapters 34 and 45

* Essential Questions
  + What are the overlying causes of World War II?
    - Treaty of Versailles
  + What caused the United States to become involved in the war and how did their participation affect the outcome of the war?
* London Economic Conference 1933
  + 66 Nations
  + Stabilize Currencies and Exchange Rates
  + Focus for FDR: America First: “We Withdrawal” led to
    - Deeper economic crisis worldwide
    - Extreme nationalism (Every Man for themselves)
  + Purpose: relieve all debt other countries owed america
  + Tydings McDuffie Act (philippines)
  + Japan starts to strategize
    - take over asia
* Alliance?
  + 1933: FDR formally recognizes the soviet Union
    - Trade
    - We may need them
    - Won’t sit well with americans
      * anti-religion
* Good Neighbor Policy
  + Content with not being a world power?
  + Restore relations with Latin America
  + We need friends!!!
* Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act
  + Secretary of State Cordell Hull
  + Lift American export trade while lowering tariffs... what will this do?
* Rise of Totalitarianism and the dictator
  + Joseph Stalin: Soviet Union
  + Benito Mussolini: Italy
  + Adolf Hitler: Germany
    - Power and Impulsivity=Dangerous “scary” concoction
    - Versailles and German Unemployment
    - 1933: Withdrawal from LON
    - Rearming
    - Alliance between Germany and Italy
  + Japan
    - Resented Treaty of Versailles
    - 1934: Terminated Washington Naval Treaty
    - Battleship Construction
    - 1935: Withdrew from LON and allied with Germany and Italy (TriPartite Pact)
    - Italy Attacks Ethiopia
* More Isolationism
  + Debt Default Act
    - Nations in debt can’t borrow
    - Remember our main priority still is....
      * depression (new deal)
* Neutrality Acts of 1935, 1936, 1937
  + Popular pressure against munitions makers
  + Restrictions in effect during a foreign war
  + Did more harm than good
* Spanish Civil War(1936-1939)
  + General Francisco Franco
  + Franco Aided by Germany and Italy
  + Spanish government prior to this is a democracy
    - Germans/Italians are anti-democracy
      * So spain will aid germany during WWII
  + USA gave no aid to loyalist government
  + Franco overthrows democratic government
    - Runs spain until 1973
* Appeasing Japan & Germany
  + 1937: Japanese militarists (all out invasion of china)
  + FDR: Not an officially declared war
  + Japanese attack on American gunboat (1937)
  + “Accident”
* Hitler’s “Military Machine”
  + Compulsory military service
  + Air Force and Ground divisions
  + Occupation of Austria (1938)
* Munich Conference 1938
  + Hitler Demanding Sudetenland (Czechoslovakia)
  + Conference concedes to Hitler
* Nazi-Soviet Pack 1939
  + Hitler invades Poland (WWI payback) 9/1/39
  + Britian/France declare war
  + America still Neutral (Neutrality Act 1939)
  + “Cash and Carry”
  + Poland falls to Hitler (eventually Denmark, Norway)
* Fall of France
  + Sent shockwaves through America
  + FDR appropriates 37$ Billion (air-fleets, navy)
  + Conscription law: Peacetime draft
* Dunkirk
  + 330,000 French and British troops trapped
  + First mistake Hitler makes in WWII
* Battle of Britain
  + France had surrendered (Britain all alone)
  + Germans needed control over the air in order to control the English Channel
  + Luftwaffe vs. RAF
  + Goering^ ^ Sir Hue Doubting
  + RAF production of planes good.... but inexperienced pilots
  + Advantage for British: Head of Luftwaffe (Herman Goering)
    - Didn’t use radar
  + Causes of Defeat:
    - Germans to far from bases to refuel and rearm
    - Germans changed targets which gave british time
  + “Never was so much owed by so many to so few”
* Presidential Election: FDR Wins
  + Brink of war- experience needed
    - Relationships
* War Labor Board
  + Wage ceilings
  + Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act
* Rising Sun in the Pacific
  + Time is of the essence for Japanese
  + Japan Invades:
    - Guam, Wake Island, Philippines ,Hong Kong, British Malaya
  + Bataan Death March
  + Begins after Battle of Bataan
  + 6 Day 85 mile march to prison camp
  + Death from disease, bayonets, beheading, shot
  + Prisoners
    - 12,000 Americans -2,000
    - POW; 63,000 Filipino-50,000
* Battle of Midway
  + Japanese victories in the Pacific after Pearl Harbor
  + American Naval forces defeat Japanese
  + Impact of Amercan Victory at Midway
    - 1st Major success by Americans over Japanese
    - Major refueling station
    - Japenese loss of fleet carriers
* Island Hopping
  + US strategy to gain small islands in Pacific
  + Led by General Douglas MacArthur
  + America conquered key islands in the pacific
* Battle of the Philippine Sea
  + Japanese Navy: Lost ability to conduct large scale carrier actions
  + Massive losses of planes, pilots, and ships
  + Increased bombings of Japan
  + Decisive victory for the United States
* Stopping Hitler
  + Battle of attrition against German U-Boats
  + Slight Victory at the Battle of the Atlantic
  + British attack at El Alamein drove Germans away
  + 1943 soviets regain land taken by Hitler
* North Africa to Rome
  + Soviet casualties climbing
  + Out of fear: FDR promised 2nd front in Europe (never happened)
  + Assault on North Africa: Headed by General Dwight D. Eisenhower: German/Italian Army surrendered in May, 1943
* Casablanca Conference
  + FDR and Churchill meet at Casablanca 1943:
    - Setup Pacific front
    - Invade Sicily (pressure on Italy)
      * Get them to surrender
        + Unconditional Surrender
* Fall of Italy
  + Victory in Africa led to attack on Sicily
  + Italy beings to crumple
  + July 1943: Mussolini is removed from power
  + September 1943:Italy’s official unconditional surrender
* German Advancement to Italy
  + October 1943: Italy declares war on Germany
  + German Response
    - Hitler planned on invasion of Italy prior to surrender
    - Operation Axis
      * Over 1,600 Italian soldiers who resisted were killed
      * 5,000 Italians surrendered (all eventually shot)
* **D-Day**:June 6, 1944
  + D-Day Meaning?
    - many misnomers
    - D-3 3 days
  + Different operations
    - Operation Overlord
      * Code Name of Invasion of North Eastern Europe
    - Operation Neptune
      * Actual Assault of Northeastern Union
    - Battle of Normandy
      * Everything that happens at Normandy to August
      * 73,000 American Troops
      * 425,000 Allied and German Troops
    - 1944 Presidential Election
      * Roosevelt (Incumbent)
        + FDR’s focus: War
        + More Emphasis on VP canidate
      * Thomas Dewey(R NY)
        + “Failed” New Deal
        + Tough on Crime
        + “Fight the war better’
      * FDR: 432-99 EV (3 million more popular votes:
      * Major Issues:
        + War
        + Succesion?
        + FDR: 1st and Only President elected to 4th term
    - Battle of the Bulge
      * Last ditch effort hitler
      * Trying to take over Belgian port
      * Germans created a “bulge” around the Ardennes Forest
      * Foggy weather
        + Allies bring in planes  **after** fog goes away
      * Germans Desperate (scary proposition)
      * Hitlers assumption
      * Germans shortage of fuel and other supplies
      * “A good plan violently executed ***now*** is better than a perfect plan next week.
* The Holocaust
  + Devastation/Destruction of life (Fire)
  + World Knowledge?
  + 11 million total killed
    - 6 million Jews killed
  + Death Camps
    - Treblinka: Forced Labor and Death Camp (870,000 killed)
    - Sobibor: Prisoner Revolt: 600 escaped (250,000 killed)
    - Auschwitz: Capability of 20,000 murders/day (1.1 million)
* Death of a Leader
  + FDR dies on April 12, 1945 (Cerebral Hemorrhage)
* VE Victory in Europe
  + Soviets reach berlin in april 1945
* Manhattan Project
  + 1939: Ideas of creating A-bomb
  + 1942: Breakthrough occurs at University of Chicago
  + Main Assembly Plant: Los Alamos, NM headed by Robert Oppenheimer
  + 2 billion dollars- 3 trillion today
  + Manhattan Project
  + 120,000 Employed
  + Truman unaware until becoming president
    - Truman asks ”who’s winning the war?”
  + Test bomb: could see flash up to 200 miles
  + Potsdam Conference
  + Japanese Surrenders