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**Standard and Honors
Unit 13: World War II
Study Guide**

Key Terms

Directions: The following list of terms will be important to know on the exam. Be sure you are able to easily identify or define each of the **BOLD terms**. Flashcards may be made to study these key terms

- Reparations
- Disarmament
- Federal Reserve
- Great Depression
- **Benito Mussolini**
- Black Shirts
- **Adolf Hitler**
- **Hideki Tojo**
- **Totalitarianism**
- **Fascism**
- **Josef Stalin**
- Gulag
- Third Reich
- Gestapo
- Appeasement
- **Axis powers**
- **Allied Powers**
- **Nazi-Soviet non aggression Pact**
- **Blitzkrieg**
- **Concentration Camps**
- **Holocaust**
- **D-Day**
- **V-E Day**
- **Island Hopping**
- **Kamikaze**
- **Manhattan Project**
- **Hiroshima**
- **Nagasaki**
- **United Nations**

Standard and Honors Questions to Ponder...

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences!

The Rise of Totalitarianism

1. What is Totalitarianism?
2. What are key traits of a totalitarian state?
3. What are some ways that totalitarian rulers keep their power?

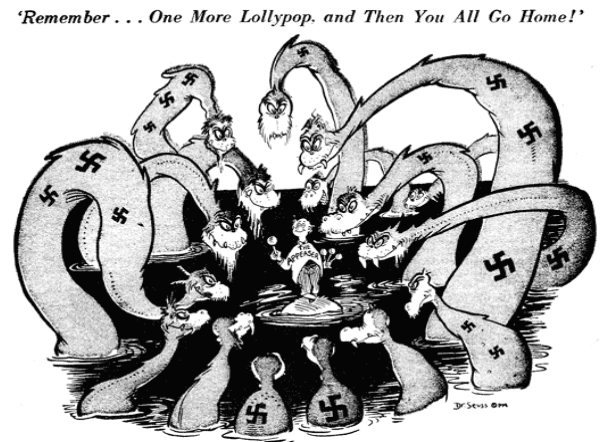
4. Complete the Chart:

| Country | Totalitarian Leader | How did the rise and maintain power? | Actions of the Nation Prior to World War II |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Germany | | | |
| Soviet Union | | | |
| Italy | | | |

Aggressors Invade Nations

5. Why did Japan invade the Manchurian Province in China?
6. What similar goals did Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito share prior to WWII?
7. Name 3 ways that Hitler violated the Treaty of Versailles between WWI and WWII?
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 - _____
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8. What does the word appeasement mean?
9. Why did the British and French governments urge appeasement after WWI?

10. Interpret the political cartoon to the right. What is the authors message?



11. What is Isolationism? Why does the United States remain isolationist?
12. What were the effects of isolationism and appeasement prior to WWII?
13. What was the Soviet Non-Aggression Pact?

14. How does Hitler violate the Non-Aggression Pact? How does this lead to the start of WWII?

World War II Begins

15. What event officially starts World War II?

16. World War II will be fought between the _____ powers and _____ powers.

17. What countries made up the Allied Powers?

- _____
- _____
- _____

18. What countries made up the Axis Powers?

- _____
- _____
- _____

19. What happened at the Battle of Britain?

20. What is a blitzkrieg?

Holocaust

21. In your opinion, why might people want to blame a minority group for most of their country's problems?

22. Why do you think the German people went along with the Nazi policy of persecution of the Jews?

23. What impact did the Holocaust have on the Jewish population in Europe?

24. What is genocide?

25. Describe Hitler's 5 Stages of Anti-Semitism.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

26. What was the outcome of the Nuremberg Trials? Do you think this was fair? Why or Why not?

Allies Turn the Tide

27. What were the two Theaters of WWII?

28. What is a Kamikaze?

29. What problems did Japan face in building an empire in the Pacific?

30. Describe what happened at Pearl Harbor.

31. Which event was most important in turning the tide of the war in the Pacific against the Japanese? Why?

32. Why did the United States join the War?

33. What was island hopping? Was this an effective strategy?

34. What battle is considered the turning point in the Pacific Theater?

35. What were the D-Day invasions? How did this invasion help the Allied Powers?

36. What was the turning point in the European Theater?

The End of WWII

37. How did World War II end in Europe?

38. What was V-E Day? What is V-J Day?

39. What ended World War II in the Pacific?

40. Why was demilitarization such an important part of the postwar program for Japan?
41. What were President Truman's justifications for dropping the atomic bomb? Do you agree or disagree with his decision?
42. What was the purpose in forming the United Nations?