

READING AND STUDY GUIDE

THE UNITED STATES IN WORLD WAR II

1. What necessity prompted the formation of the WPB, OWM, OPA, and passage of the Smith-Connally Act?
2. Which factor was the key to the American war potential?
3. What was the job of the Office of Research and Development?
4. By what two methods were funds raised (one mandatory, one voluntary) for the war?
5. What was the reasoning behind rationing?
6. What does the author list as one of the blessings of our democracy regarding war?
7. What was the purpose of the Office of War Information?
8. For what reason did A Phillip Randolph threaten to march on DC in 1941?
9. What did *Smith v Albright* (1944) determine?
10. For what reason did the US and Mexico sign the Mexican Farm Labor Agreement?
11. What were the *braceros*?
12. What lie behind the violence exhibited in the Zoot Suit Riots?
13. For what reason were Native Americans sought in the communications field?
14. What was the “Fifth Column,” and why was it a source of American paranoia?
15. How was Executive Order 9066 representative of the Fifth Column scare, and what did it determine?
16. What was the Court’s decision in *Korematsu v US* (1944), and what American wartime tradition did it bolster?
17. What do the WAVES and WAACs have in common?
18. What was the primary area of front line service for women in WWII?
19. What was the greatest contribution by women to the war effort?
20. What did Rosie the Riveter symbolize?

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21. Why was the Battle of Stalingrad the turning point of the war in Europe?
22. What were the two aspects of the British-American plan to engage Hitler in Europe?
23. What was the operational intent of Operation Torch?
24. What did FDR and Churchill determine at the Casablanca Conference?
25. Who were the “Big 3” and what did they decide at the Teheran Conference?
26. What were the 5 main objectives of the Yalta Conference?
27. What was determined at the January 1942 Wannsee Conference?
28. What was the purpose of the post-war Nuremberg Trials?
29. What was the Japanese overall plan to engage the Americans in the Pacific?
30. What was the primary result of the Doolittle Raid?
31. What were the two distinctions of the Battle of the Coral Sea?
32. Why was Midway considered the turning point of the war in the Pacific?
33. What was the significance of Guadalcanal?
34. How was the American “island hopping” campaign designed to address the Japanese plan of operation in the Pacific?
35. What occurred on the Bataan Death March? (FN 13)
36. What did the results of the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa reveal about Japanese resistance to American advances?
37. What was the Manhattan Project?
38. How did the events at Hiroshima and Nagasaki bring about the Japanese surrender?