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Unit 2: The Second World War

Practice Workbook. The same problems, in the same order, as the Practice sections of the online lessons.

Name _____ Period _____

Lesson 2.1 — From Neutrality to Pearl Harbor

FLUENCY

1. Order: Lend-Lease Act; Japan invades China; Atlantic Charter; attack on Pearl Harbor; Four Freedoms address; fall of France.

2. Use 'isolationism' in a sentence about the Neutrality Acts.

APPLICATION

3. Source: 'In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.' When was this said, and why is the date important for interpreting it?

4. Some writers claim Roosevelt knew the attack would target Pearl Harbor. What evidence would prove the claim, and what does the record actually show?

5. Roosevelt froze Japanese assets in July 1941, and Japan attacked in December. Cause or sequence?

REVIEW

6. Semester A review: which 1899-1900 policy first committed the United States to an interest in China that later brought conflict with Japan?

Lesson 2.2 — Strategy and Sacrifice — Fighting a Two-Ocean War

FLUENCY

1. Order: Okinawa; Midway; Battle of the Bulge; Normandy; Iwo Jima.

2. Match each unit to its description: Tuskegee Airmen; 442nd Regimental Combat Team; Navajo Code Talkers — (a) Japanese American soldiers, most decorated unit for its size and length of service; (b) Marines who sent messages in an unbroken code; (c) first Black military pilots.

APPLICATION

3. Eisenhower's unsent note reads: 'Our landings in the Cherbourg-Havre area have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops.' What kind of source is it, and what does it show that the published Order of the Day does not?

4. About 450,000 Missourians served in the armed forces in the Second World War, roughly 300,000 of them draftees, and Missourians bought more than $3 billion in war bonds. Compute the draftee share, and the war bonds per Missourian using the 1940 population of 3,784,664. What would you check before calling the second figure the average purchase?

5. Code-breakers read Japanese plans before Midway, and the U.S. Navy won. Did the code-breaking cause the victory?

REVIEW

6. Semester A review: which First World War migration drew Black Southerners north, and what wartime conditions drove it?

Lesson 2.3 — Seminar — The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb

FLUENCY

1. Put in order: Nagasaki; Trinity test; Potsdam Declaration; Soviet declaration of war on Japan; Hiroshima; emperor announces surrender.

2. Define 'atomic diplomacy' as historians use it.

APPLICATION

3. Truman's statement of 6 August 1945 said: 'It is an atomic bomb. It is a harnessing of the basic power of the universe.' Who was the audience and what was the statement's purpose?

4. The Potsdam Declaration demanded 'unconditional surrender' and said nothing about the emperor. Why do historians of the decision pay attention to this silence?

5. The bombs fell on 6 and 9 August and Japan announced surrender on 15 August. A student writes that the bombs alone caused the surrender. Evaluate.

REVIEW

6. From Unit 1: name one New Deal program that, like the Manhattan Project, built large federal facilities in Tennessee.

Lesson 2.4 — Workshop — Whose Freedoms? The Home Front and Its Contradictions

FLUENCY

1. Order: Executive Order 9981; Detroit race riot; Bracero program begins; Executive Order 8802; War Refugee Board created.

2. What was the 'Double V' campaign?

APPLICATION

3. Executive Order 8802 declared 'there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or government because of race, creed, color, or national origin.' Who pressed for it, and what does the order leave out?

4. A state committee's 1943 report on the Detroit riot, in which nine white and 25 Black people died and 17 of the Black victims were killed by police, is described by the Detroit Historical Society as largely ignoring the social inequities behind the riot. How should a historian use such a report?

5. Randolph threatened a march in 1941 and Roosevelt issued Order 8802 that June. Cause or sequence?

REVIEW

6. Semester A review: which 1913 amendment changed how U.S. senators are chosen, giving voters rather than state legislatures the choice?

Unit 2 checkpoint

1. What did the Lend-Lease Act (1941) allow?
   A. A peacetime draft
   B. The president to lend or lease war supplies to nations whose defense was vital to the United States
   C. Japanese assets to be frozen
   D. A declaration of war
2. True or false: Germany declared war on the United States after Pearl Harbor.
3. Which battle is considered the turning point of the Pacific war?
   A. Iwo Jima
   B. Midway
   C. Okinawa
   D. Coral Sea
4. The _____ Regimental Combat Team was made up of Japanese American soldiers; the _____ Airmen were the first Black military pilots.
5. Which document set out shared war aims of Roosevelt and Churchill in August 1941?
   A. The Potsdam Declaration
   B. The Atlantic Charter
   C. The Four Freedoms address
   D. The Truman Doctrine
6. True or false: About two-thirds of the people removed under Executive Order 9066 were U.S. citizens.
7. What did the Court decide in Ex parte Endo (1944)?
   A. Upheld the curfew
   B. The government could not continue to detain a citizen it conceded was loyal
   C. Korematsu's conviction was vacated
   D. The camps were constitutional
8. The _____ program brought Mexican workers on temporary contracts from 1942 to _____.
9. Which Black surgeon helped develop large-scale blood-plasma programs?
   A. Charles Drew
   B. Jonas Salk
   C. Thurgood Marshall
   D. George Washington Carver

10. True or false: The Soviet Union declared war on Japan between the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

11. What did Executive Order 9981 (1948) begin?
    A. The Bracero program
    B. The end of segregation in the armed forces
    C. The War Refugee Board
    D. Japanese American redress

12. Which claim confuses sequence with cause?
    A. Freezing Japanese assets cut off oil and forced Japan's leaders to choose
    B. The bombs fell before Japan surrendered, so they alone caused the surrender
    C. Randolph's threatened march led to Order 8802
    D. War contracts and a labor shortage drew women into St. Louis factories

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