**Great Depression, New Deal and World War II Study Guide**

How did overproduction, overconsumption, speculation, high tariffs, and old World War I debts contribute to the coming of the Great Depression?

What was the key factor that led to the stock market crash in 1929?

At first, who did many Americans blame for the countries poor economic conditions? Why did this attitude change as the Depression worsened?

How did President Herbert Hoover respond to the worsening economic conditions between 1929 and 1932?

How did overproduction of wheat and other crops in the 1920 contribute to the Dust Bowl on the 1930s?

What region of the country was most effected by the Dust Bowl? Where did many of the farmers move in order to escape the worsening conditions?

Explain how each of the following relate to the Great Depression:

* Hoovervilles
* Reconstruction Finance Corporation
* Bonus Army
* Election of 1932

Who was elected President in 1932? Why?

What did Franklin Delano Roosevelt offer the American People if he were to be elected president?

What is referred to as the “First Hundred Days”?

What were the three R’s? Explain the intent of each.

Explain the role of each of the following New Deal agencies and acts:

* AAA
* CCC
* NIRA
* NRA
* TVA
* FDIC
* SEC
* Social Security Act
* Glass Steagall Act
* Emergency Banking Relief Act
* Wagner Labor Relations Act

How did the implementation of FDR’s New Deal programs change the role of the Federal government in the United States?

Why were some Americans opposed to FDR’s New Deal programs? Explain the importance of each of the following individuals:

* Huey Long
* Father Charles Coughlin
* Francis Townsend

What was the Roosevelt Recession? Why did it occur?

What was the purpose of FDR’s “court packing scheme”?

What impact did the Great Depression have on women and African Americans?

As concerns grew about a possible war in Europe and the Pacific, how did each of the following limit or increase American involvement?

* Nine Powers Treaty
* Nye Committee
* Neutrality Acts of 1935, 1936, and 1937
* Cash and Carry Policy
* Lend Lease Act
* Invasion of Poland
* Invasion of Manchuria and mainland China
* Attack on Pearl Harbor

In what ways did the Treaty of Versailles contribute the coming of World War II?

What was the U.S. response to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria and Japan?

Which countries were part of the Axis during World War II? Which were part of the Allied forces?

What was the response of the League of Nations to the invasion of Ethiopia by Italy and the Germany’s invasion of the Rhineland?

What were the Munich Accords/Munich Agreement?

What was known as the Panay Incident?

Explain the role of each of the following people during World War II:

* Franklin D. Roosevelt
* Harry S. Truman
* Adolf Hitler
* Benito Mussolini
* Hideki Tojo
* Joseph Stalin
* Dwight D. Eisenhower
* A. Randolph Phillips
* Rosie the Riveter
* J. Robert Oppenheimer

Who were the “Big Three”?

Explain the significance of the each of the following events in relation to World War II, be able to put the events in chronological order as well:

* Tehran Conference
* Yalta Conference
* Potsdam Conference
* Bataan Death March
* Doolittle Raid
* Battle of the Coral Sea
* Battle of Midway
* Okinawa and Iwo Jima
* The death of FDR
* Manhattan Project
* Operation Torch
* Operation Overlord
* Battle of the Bulge
* Executive Order 9066
* VE Day
* VJ Day
* Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Who were the Code Talkers? Explain their importance to the war effort in the Pacific.

What was referred to as the “soft underbelly of Europe”?

What were Trinity, Fat Man, and Little Boy?

What did FDR mean when he referred to the United States as the “Great Arsenal of Democracy”?

Life on the American homefront during World War II was altered dramatically. Explain how each of the following impacted the war effort:

* Rationing
* Price and wage controls
* The use of Propaganda
* Victory Gardens
* War bonds
* Executive Order 9066
* War Productions Board
* Office of Price Administration
* National War Labor Board
* Fair Employment Practice Commission
* Rosie the Riveter

Why did President Truman decide to use the atomic bomb on Japan?