

Module 28 Guided Reading Notes

1. What was Stalin's goals in Europe at the beginning of World War II?
2. How was Hitler's attack through the Ardennes forest a bold strike and an early turning point in the war?
3. Why was the outcome of the Battle of Britain important for the Allies?
4. What does the fact that German armies were not prepared for the Russian winter indicate about Hitler's expectations for the Soviet campaign?
5. Why did President Franklin Roosevelt want to offer help to the Allies?
6. In what ways were the consequences of Hitler's decisions on the Eastern Front similar to those of Napoleon when he invaded Russia?
7. How did the Japanese often treat the native people in East Asia and their prisoners of war in territory they conquered?
8. Why might the Americans send their entire Pacific Fleet to defend Midway Island?
9. What problems did Japan face in building an empire in the Pacific?

10. What steps did Hitler take to rid Germany of Jews?
11. Why might people want to blame a minority group for most of their country's problems?
12. Why do you think the Allies did not respond to the forced removal, or ethnic cleansing, and genocide of Jews in countries under Nazi control?
13. Why do you think German people were bystanders, and went along with the Nazi policy of persecution of the Jews?
14. What impact did the Holocaust have on the Jewish and Roma population of Europe?
15. What were some of the costs and benefits for workers and businesses in converting factories to wartime production?
16. How did the Allies try to conceal the true location for the D-Day landings?
17. How do governments gather support for a war effort on the home front?
18. What were some of the immediate after-effects of the war in Europe?
19. Why might it have been difficult to find democratic government leaders in post-Nazi Germany?

20. How would demilitarization and a revived economy help Japan achieve democracy?

21. Why did the Americans choose the British system of government for the Japanese, instead of the American system?

22. Why do you think that many Europeans favored communism after World War II?

23. How do you think MacArthur's reforms impacted Japan culturally?

24. How was Hitler's pact with Stalin and Germany's invasion of Poland a direct cause of World War II?

25. How did German blitzkrieg tactics rely on new military technology?

26. Why was capturing Egypt's Suez Canal so important to the Axis powers?

27. What was the Atlantic Charter and what did it state?

28. What was Yamamoto's objective at Pearl Harbor?

29. How did Japan try to win support from other Asian countries?

30. In what way was the Battle of the Coral Sea a new kind of naval warfare?

31. What was General Douglas MacArthur's island-hopping strategy?

32. What was the new racial order proposed by the Nazis?

33. Name two tactics that Hitler used to rid Germany of Jews before creating his Final Solution.

34. What Nazi action marked the final stage of the Final Solution?

35. How did the non-Jews oppose Hitler's war on the Jews?

36. Why did Stalin want the United States and Britain to launch a second front in the west?

37. Why were consumer goods rationed during the war?

38. What was Operation Overlord?

39. Why did so many Europeans take to the roads and wander the countryside after the war?

40. How did the governments of non-Axis nations respond to the issue of genocidal war crimes in Europe?

41. What were two of the most important steps that MacArthur took in Japan following the war?