

## American History Chapter 20 World War II 1941 – 1945

10.02: Identify military, political, and diplomatic turning points of the war and determine their significance to the outcome and aftermath of the conflict.

10.03: Describe and analyze the effects of the war on American economic, social, political, and cultural life.

10.04: Elaborate on changes in the direction of foreign policy related to the beginnings of the Cold War.

10.05: Assess the role of organizations established to maintain peace and examine their continuing effectiveness.

In this chapter you will learn how the United States and its Allies began the process of defeating the Axis powers and what the war plans were of both Allied and Axis forces. You will study of the effect of the war on the home front and the changes in society, effect on civil liberties, and the impact of war time propaganda upon the civilians. World War II was fought on two fronts the European theater and the Pacific theater. In this chapter you will discover what the turning points were in each theater and why these battles brought about victory

You will discover the Holocaust and learn how Hitler's campaign against "non Aryans" created mechanized death for millions of human beings. You will discover how the Holocaust developed and the results of this terrible event. You will learn how the civilized world responds to the effects of World War II. The creation of the United Nations, War Crimes Trials, and the building of a new world and America's place as a global leader.

### Section 1: The Allies Turn the Tide

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: unconditional surrender, saturation bombing, strategic bombing, Chester Nimitz, Battle of Midway, Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Create a chart like the one on page 670 of your text to assist you in listing the ways in which the Allies turned back the Axis advance.
- Explain why the battles of Midway and Stalingrad were major turning points in the war.

### Section 2: The Home Front

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: rationing, internment, Executive Order 8802, 442 Regimental Combat Team, OWI
- Create a graphic organizer like the one on page 677 to help you identify the major effects of World War II on the home front
- Explain how World War II increased opportunities for women and minorities

### Section 3: Victory in Europe and the Pacific

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: D-Day, Battle of the Bulge, Manhattan Project, J. Robert Oppenheimer, kamikaze
- Using a graphic organizer like the one on page 686 identify the steps that led to the Allied victory
- Explore the reasons President Truman decided to use the atomic bomb against Japan

#### Section 4: The Holocaust

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: Nuremberg Laws, Holocaust, Kristallnacht, concentration camp, death camp genocide
- Create a chart as shown on page 698 to show the steps that led to Hitler's attempt to exterminate European Jews
- Trace the roots and progress of Hitler's campaign against the Jews

#### Section 5: Effects of the War

- Use web links or your textbook to define the following: Yalta Conference, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, superpower, Nuremberg Trials
- Create a graphic organizer like the one on page 702 to show the various developments in the postwar world that resulted from World War II
- Explain how World War II changed the world's politics and balance of power