

Chapter 14 Study Guide Questions

1. Why did France and Britain follow a policy of appeasement when dealing with Hitler's aggression?
2. How did Hitler justify Germany's aggression?
3. How was the Munich Conference a turning point in the road toward World War?
4. What did the Nazi-Soviet Pact accomplish for Germany?
5. What event marked the beginning of World War II?
6. What was the result of Operation Sea Lion?
7. Why did Hitler decide to invade the Soviet Union?
8. What was Hitler's "final solution"?
9. Why was the Atlantic Charter significant?
10. Why did Japanese leaders view the United States as an enemy?
11. How did the Allies mobilize all of their resources for the war effort?
12. Explain why the battles of Midway, El Alamein, and Stalingrad were important turning points in the war.
13. What was the Battle of the Bulge?
14. What agreements did Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin come to at Yalta?
15. Describe four factors that helped the Allies defeat the Germans.
16. How did Germany's location affect its chances to win the war?
17. Describe the U.S. strategy of "island-hopping" in the Pacific, and explain its goal?
18. What did kamikaze pilots and the intense battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa show about the Japanese?
19. What factors contributed to President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb?
20. Why did the allies hold war crimes trials for Axis leaders? What important principle did the trials demonstrate?
21. Compare and contrast the United Nations & the League of Nations.
22. What change had taken place throughout Eastern Europe by 1948?
23. What policy did the U.S. establish with the Truman Doctrine?
24. How did the Marshall Plan relate to the Truman doctrine?
25. What effect did the cold war have on Germany?
26. What were Stalin's goals in Eastern Europe after World War II?