

Ch. 34 Reading Guide: America in WWII (pg. 789-815)**Learning Targets**

Target #1: I can identify examples of new efforts to reform U.S. society, politics, and its economic system; List innovations in technology and communication that allowed for a growth of mass culture; AND recognize examples of how America began to transition into a position of international power.

Target #2: I can explain (using historical thinking skills) examples of new efforts to reform U.S. society, politics, and its economic system; Explain (using historical thinking skills) how innovations in technology and communication allowed for a growth of mass culture in American society; AND describe how participation in a series of global conflicts propelled the U.S. into a position of international power while stirring up domestic debates over the nation's proper role in the world.

Big Ideas:

- Although already producing mass amounts of war products to support its allies across “the pond” in the late 1930s, America’s official entrance into WW2 in 1941 brought about rapid economic transformation.
- WW2 brought wages-earning jobs for all sorts of Americans in dire need for work.
- WW2, similarly to WW1, resulted in significant demographic shifts to America’s ‘Sunbelt’ and further accelerated America’s move to urban centers.
- The WW2 years saw an enormous amount of government regulation over the economy; although this was not a new phenomena having gone through WW1 and the New Deal era.
- America exited WW2 in better shape than any other nation, leading to almost two decades of economic prosperity.
- America’s victory in WW2 was not without controversy as American’s questioned FDR’s long-standing position as president and Truman’s use of atomic weapons on Japan.

Prediction Statement (50 words or less): What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

Key Questions:**The Allies Trade Space for Time**
(pg. 789-790)

Know: Lend-Lease Act, Convoy System

1. In what ways did WW2 prove to be a greater challenge for America than during WW1?

The Shock of War (pg. 790-791)

Know: Exec. Order 9066, The New Deal

2. Briefly describe what happened to Japanese Americans following the attack at Pearl Harbor?

3. Why did many relief-oriented New Deal programs disappear during the WW2 years?

<p><u>Building the War Machine (pg. 791-794)</u> Know: War Production Board, National War Labor Board, Office of Price Admin. 3. In what ways was America's WW2 economy similar to that in WW1?</p>	
<p><u>Manpower & Womanpower (pg. 792-793)</u> Know: 'Rosie the Riveter', Bracero Program, Women's Auxiliary Corps 4. What solutions were made to solving the labor problem in America during WW2?</p>	
<p><u>Wartime Migrations (pg. 795-797)</u> Know: A. Philip Randolph, Fair Employment Practices Commission 5. How did the war impact the South? (consider economic & social/demographic changes)</p> <p>6. What new opportunities did African Americans see during the WW2 years?</p> <p>7. How did WW2 impact the lives of Native Americans in the U.S.?</p>	
<p><u>Holding the Home Front (pg. 797-799)</u> 8. What long-term and short-term evidence showed that WW2 (rather than the New Deal) had brought economic prosperity to America?</p>	

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<p><u>American Leapfrogging Toward Tokyo (pg. 800-801)</u> Know: "island hopping", Guam 9. What strategy did the U.S. resort to in order to successfully sway the conflict in the Pacific to their favor?</p>	
<p><u>Roosevelt Defeats Dewey (pg. 806-807)</u> Know: Election of 1944, Thomas Dewey 10. What factors contributed to Roosevelt's victory over Dewey in 1944?</p>	
<p><u>The Atomic Bombs (pg. 810-814)</u> Know: Potsdam Conference, Manhattan Project, Harry Truman 11. What was the military impact of the atomic bombs (consider immediate and long-term implications)?</p>	

Summary Exit Ticket:

Change Over Time (3 parts)

#1. Briefly explain, using a specific historical example, ONE important way in which WW2 (1939-1945) transformed the role of the United States in the world.

#2. Briefly explain, using a specific historical example, ONE important way in which WW2 (1939-1945) transformed United States society.

#3. Briefly explain, using a specific historical example, ONE important way in which WW2 transformed the United States economy.
