

Reading Guide – Chapter 27

The Deepening of the European Crisis: World War II, 1939-1945

Name _____

Due: _____

1 - Prelude to War (1933-1939), 833-840

1. Trace the steps toward World War II. What happened on each for the following dates:	
March 9, 1935	
June 18, 1935	
March 7, 1936	
October 1935	
October 1936	
November 1936	
March 13, 1938	
September 29, 1938	
March 15, 1939	
August 23, 1939	
September 1, 1939	
September 3 1939	
2. What was Lebensraum? Where would Hitler apply this theory?	
3. In a 3-5 sentence paragraph, compare and contrast the two interpretations by Churchill and Chamberlain of the Munich agreement (page 855). At that moment in history, which sounded the more plausible? Explain.	

2/3 - The Course of World War II

1. What was the <i>Blitzkrieg</i> ? Where was it first used?
2. What happened at Dunkirk?

3. How was France partitioned?

4. How did Winston Churchill differ from Neville Chamberlain?

5. What was Hitler's strategy in the Battle of Britain?

Did the strategy work? Why?

6. What helped to stop the German's massive advance into the Soviet Union?

7. What agreements did the Grand Alliance make once the U.S. came into the war?

8. What was the turning point in the war in the Soviet Union?

What was the turning point in the Pacific?

9. Read the excerpt from "A German Soldier at Stalingrad" (page 863): What does this excerpt tell you about the degree to which ordinary soldiers understood the realities of modern urban warfare?

10. What happened on Jun 6th 1944?

11. What happened to Hitler?

What happened to Mussolini?

12. How did the war end with Japan?

4 - The New Order, p. 848-855

1. How did each of the following try to resist Nazi aggression:?

Charles de Gaulle:

Josip Broz:

Women:

The White Rose:

2. Give three examples of how the Holocaust was well-planned and efficiently carried out.

1.

2.

3.

3. What death camp procedures did the Germans create for the extermination of Jewish people?

Why do you think that the Germans were so meticulous in these procedures?

What difference in tone do you detect between the two Holocaust documents?

4. Compare the Japanese soldiers and German soldiers treatment of occupied people.

5 - The Home Front; p.855-861

1. Read "The Bombing of Civilians" on page 876.

What common elements do you find in these different descriptions of bombing raids?

What effect did aerial bombing of cities and civilians have on the nature of modern warfare?

6 - The Aftermath of the War: Cold War, 861-864

1. Give four agreements or promises made at Yalta.

1.

2.

3.

4.

2. How and why did the tone of the conferences change between Yalta and Potsdam?

3. Use the map on page 881 to explain what territorial changes that took place in Europe after WWII.

4. Show how the statements by Churchill and Stalin in March 1946 (page 882) illustrate the mutual mistrust that shaped the Cold War.