

# Chapter 36: World War II & the Cold War Student Notes

## World War II

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### Japan vs. China

1. Why did Japan begin expanding?
2. Describe Japan's conquest of China.

### The War in Europe

3. Why did Germany begin expanding?
4. How did the leaders of other European powers respond to Hitler's initial aggression?
5. What was Hitler's major war strategy and at what point did other European nations finally attempt to stop Germany's expansion?
6. How much of Europe did Germany conquer? What could they not take?
7. Describe the Battle of Britain. What new concepts of war were demonstrated in that battle?

## Sleeping Giants Awake

8. Why did Hitler declare war on the USSR? Describe the progress of that war.
9. Why did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor? What was the result of that attack?
10. Why was it significant that the US and the USSR entered the war (what did those two nations contribute to the war effort)?

## Atrocities & War Crimes

11. What is an atrocity? What is a crime against humanity?
12. What was the Holocaust? Besides Jews, what other peoples were murdered?
13. Describe the treatment of P.O.W.s in Japanese camps.
14. How were American Japanese internment camps different from the infamous camps of the Nazis and Japanese?

## The Beginning of the End

15. What were the major turning points in the war?
16. From what directions was Germany being assaulted? Describe each briefly.
17. What was firebombing? How did it represent a departure from older methods of warfare?

18. How did the war in Europe end?

19. What was island hopping?

20. As the Japanese felt the war was ending, what steps did they take in anticipation of an American invasion?

21. What led to a Japanese surrender?

## The Cold War

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22. Define "Cold War."

23. What were the "superpowers," and why did they come into conflict with each other?

24. Describe the function and members of both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

25. What were Proxy Wars? Give several examples.

26. What was de-Stalinization? How did the Soviet-controlled satellite nations respond to it? How did Khrushchev respond to independence movements?

27. What kinds of competitions were going on between the superpowers? What problems came about because of it?

28. How did the Cold War influence popular culture? Give at least one good example.

29. What is détente? Why did the superpowers enter a period of détente?

## New International Organizations/Cooperation

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*Describe the origin and goals of each of the following organizations:*

30. United Nations

- a. What was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? How did this document demonstrate a new way to conceptualize society and culture?

31. International Criminal Court

32. International Monetary Fund

33. World Bank

34. World Health Organization