**REQUIRED READING: *The Americans:*** Chapter 16 &17

**UNIT OUTCOMES:**

**1. Causes of WWII**

**2. Rise of Adolf Hitler**

**3. The European Theater**

**4. The U.S. Home Front**

**5. The Pacific Theater**

**6. The Atomic Bomb**

**UNIT OUTLINE**:

**I. Underlying CAUSES:**

A. Fanaticism ---> Rise of dictators (e.g. Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin)

B. Imperialism ---> Aggressive land takeovers (e.g. Japan & Germany)

C. Nationalism ---> Countries building extreme pride & unity within (e.g. Japan & Germany)

D. Militarism ---> Aggressive militarists gain control of governments

E. Alliance Systems ---> U.S. loyalty to the British & Democracy

**II. Specific CAUSES:**

A. **(Europe)** Seeds were Planted in 1919

1. Treaty of Versailles (ended WW I)

a. Punished Germany

b. Angered Italy (unkept promise of land)

2. Post-War Depressions led to rise of Dictators

a. Germany ---> Hitler

b. Italy ---> Mussolini

3. World-Wide Isolationism & Depression left dictators unchecked.

B. **(Asia)** Japan becomes aggressive in struggle to become Self-Sufficient

C. **Diplomacy Fails to Work**

D. **U.S. Entry**

1. Neutrality / Ties with the Allies (British)

2. Axis Treaty is viewed as a threat

3. Dec. 7, 1941 ---> Pearl Harbor

**III. The War is Fought in TWO MAIN THEATERS:**

A. European Theater (Sept. 1, 1939 - May 8, 1945)

B. Pacific Theater (Dec. 7, 1941 - Aug. 14, 1945)

**IV. The U.S. HOME FRONT is crucial to Allied Success**

A. Mobilization of:

1. Machines / Materials

2. Minds

3. Money

4. Men / Women

5. Minorities (contributions of the Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen, 442nd Combat Unit, etc.)

B. Intolerance & Racism emerge in the name of Order & National Security

1. Segregated Army Units

2. Executive Orders (8802, 9066 --> Nisei)

**V. The Atomic Bombs and the Decision to Use Them**

A. How was the bomb built?

B. Why did Truman decide to use the bombs?

**VOCABULARY:**

1. Aggression
2. Allies
3. Appeasement
4. Arsenal
5. Axis (Powers)
6. Blitzkrieg
7. Dictatorship
8. Embargo
9. Empire
10. Fascism
11. Executive Order
12. Genocide
13. Ghettos
14. G.I.
15. Kamikaze
16. Internment
17. Lend-Lease Act
18. Nazi(ism)
19. Nisei
20. Neutrality Acts
21. Nuremberg Trials
22. Propaganda
23. Ration(ing)
24. Totalitarian(ism)
25. Unconditional Surrender

**KEY CONCEPTS / EVENTS / DATES / PLACES:**

1. Treaty of Versailles
2. Munich Pact
3. Non-Aggression Pact
4. Sept. 1, 1939
5. Manhattan Project
6. Trinity Test
7. Dec. 7, 1941
8. D - Day
9. Battle of the Bulge
10. V-E Day
11. Potsdam Conference
12. Hiroshima & Nagasaki
13. V-J Day
14. Sept. 2, 1945

**KEY ISSUES:**

**1.** What were the causes of World War II?

**2.** What problems made it difficult for the U.S. to stay neutral in this war?

**3.** What efforts (+ & -) were made on the U.S. Home front to win this war?

**4.** What contributions did minorities and women make during the war?

**5.** What led to the U.S. decision to drop the A-bomb?

**6.** Discuss the long-term impact & outcomes of WW II.

**KEY PEOPLE:**

1. Franklin Roosevelt (FDR)
2. Joseph Stalin
3. Winston Churchill
4. Harry Truman
5. Dwight Eisenhower
6. Douglas MacArthur
7. Adolf Hitler
8. Benito Mussolini
9. Hideki Tojo
10. Emperor Hirohito
11. Albert Einstein
12. J. Robert Oppenheimer
13. Rosie the Riveter
14. Nisei
15. A. Philip Randolph