Name: _____ World War II Video Guide

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
	Big Ideas Before The War	
	 Great Depression affected the US and the world drastically Many countries focused on, and improving their own situation (1928): Made war illegal No enforcement mechanism governments: Italy – Benito Mussolini Germany – Adolph Hitler Communist governments: Soviet Union – Joseph Stalin Militaristic governments: 	
	 Japan US response to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria (1931) US would not recognize any land gained by Japan 	
	 Alleged that the US entered WWI to make profits for businesses Today, it is seen as flawed, however, it helped lead to the Neutrality Acts (1935 – 1937): US could not trade with warring (belligerent) countries Did not matter who was the	
	 US citizens could not travel on ships from warring nations (1937): Japan attacked a US ship Leads to the Quarantine Speech: FDR encouraged	
	on aggressive nations Appeasement: Major cause of the war – giving in to the demands of an aggressor (Hitler) 	
	World War II – US Entrance	
	 Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Pact (August, 1939) Not an alliance; agreement to 	
	 German invasion of Poland, September 1, 1939 Seen as the start of WWII 	

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Neutrality Act of 1939:
US could sell weapons to democracies via "
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Countries must pay in cash in full and pick up goods
themselves
Isolationists vs. Interventionists
Committee to Defend America –
 America First Committee – Isolationists (Charles Lindbergh) (1941):
US could lend crucial supplies to countries the president deems vital
• December 7, 1941:
Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese
US declared war on Japan and Germany immediately after
Key Events During The War
Manhattan Project:
 Secret project to build a nuclear weapon –
• D-Day: June 6, 1944
• Led by
Conference:
Stalin, FDR, Churchill in Eastern Europe
Stalin promised in Eastern Europe Potsdam Conference
 Japan given an ultimatum to
Truman wanted to hold Stalin to agreements at
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6 million Jews were killed, millions of non-Jews as well
The End Of The War
• August 6, 1045:
 Hiroshima – "," 80,000+ die
 Enola Gay –
• August 9, 1945:
• Nagasaki – "Fat Man,"
Why did Truman use atomic weapons?
Many reasons – test purposes: to save
United Nations
 US one of permanent members of security council
 Took over for the defunct League of Nations (US did not join)
Beginning of The Cold War
 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
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Home Front During The War

	 "" – Films, magazines, etc.
	 Millions of women took jobs in factories
	Incomes increased
•	Japanese Americans
	Executive Order – Japanese Internment Camps
	 100,000+ Japanese-Americans on West coast were moved to
	camps
	Upheld in
•	Mexican-Americans
	 Increase in workers from Mexico through the Bracero Program : LA, CA
	Conflicts between sailors and marines and Mexican-
	Americans
•	Growth of the "" in the SW and Southern US – new
	industries
	Test Tips
	Essay Topics:
	Comparing US policies
	Home front during the war:
	Experiences of
	How US foreign policy changed AFTER WWII
	Tips for Multiple-Choice questions:
	Everything! But especially
	Korematsu v. US, Nye Committee, Zoot Suit Riot,
	Truman used the bombs to save AMERICAN lives, and
	Soviet Union promised free elections in Eastern
	Europe
•	Good Luck!