Unit 8 - Depression and WWII

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The Great Depression

- **Herbert Hoover presidency (1929-1933)**
    - economy collapses 8 months into his term
        - **"Rugged individualism"**
            - anyone can be successful, if they work hard
    - **Kellogg-Briand Pact**
        - Offensive War is illegal
            - war is illegal = US doesn't have to get involved in Europe
                - strengthen isolationism
                    - Problem:
                        - Japan invades manchuria (china), but does not officially declare war (1931)
                        - Can't punish people that disobey the Pact
                            - pact is worthless
    - **Hoover-Stimson Doctrine of 1932**
        - US would not recognize territorial gains made by violating the Kellogg-Briand Pact
    - **Good Neighbor Policy**
        - US withdrew military from Latin America
- **The Great Depression**
    - every 20 years the US experienced **Panics** (1819-1907)
        - **economies are cyclical**
            - booms and busts (ups and downs)
                - natural
    - 1929 the stock market reaches an all time high
        - stock market = people buy and sell stakes of a business
        - stocks are 16 times higher than their actual worth
            - Bull market - everyone is buying
                - what goes up...
                    - people ignore the signs

The Stock Crash in Depth

- **investing**
    - Ford makes cars, sells cars
        - then uses their profits to make more cars
            - growing and expanding your business this way is *SLOW*
                - if Ford had more money, they could grow faster, make more money!
                    - Get a loan from a bank
                        - gotta pay the loan back
    - Ford can become a corporation
        - **corporation** = business with many owners
        - Ford goes to the Stock Market
            - Ford says it's a $1 billion business
                - divides the company into 1,000,000 pieces (stocks)

            - sells each stock for $1,000
                - Ford now has $1 billion to grow
            - stockholders now own a piece of Ford
                - when Ford makes money, they make money

Tue 1/13

- **Supply-side Economics**
    - Theory on how to stimulate economic growth
        - Make it easier for businesses to produced goods
        - make it easier for businesses to get investment money
            - The supply of goods will go up = Price of goods will go down
                - Consumers will buy more goods
                    - Businesses will expand as they sell more
                        - hire more workers
                            - more workers spend more... so on

- **Income Disparity**
    - Business owners kept most of the profits
        - Paid their employees very little
            - workers had little money to spend - so they buy less
                - business sell less - businesses make cutbacks
                    - fire workers - unemployed can't but goods
                        - sell even less ...and so on
                            - what happens when you pay your workers more?
                                - Henry Ford in 1914

- **overspeculation**
    - gambling that the value of an asset will continue to rise
        - a Ford stock is worth $1,000
            - They company is growing
            - everyone is buying cars
                - The stock will go up in the future
                    - demand is up = price should go up
                    - People buy Ford stocks for $1,500
                        - Then $2,000... $3,000 ... and so on
                            - Prices are going up
                                - it's only really worth $1,000

- **buying on the margin**
    - buying stocks with loans
        - everyone wants in on the action
            - roaring 20s - everyone is getting rich
                - don't have to work or invent - just buy stocks
        - **Problem:**
            - if no one has money, no can buy stocks
                - the prices do not increase (in fact they will drop)
            - if everyone has money, everyone can buy stocks
                - demand up is up = price is high
                - more competition to buy stocks = price goes up
                    - **overspeculation**

        - **Worse**
          - only way to pay back the loan is if the stock continue to go up

Wed 1/14

- **Overproduction**
  - Ford is is growing and growing and growing
    - Ford is using its investment money to make more and more cars
      - eventually people stop buying cars
        - how many cars does a person need?
          - Ford can't sell all of the cars it is making
            - starting to lose money
              - Ford cuts costs
                - fire workers

- **Farming and Technology**
  - Farmer A vs. Farmer B
    - Farmer A owns a brand new tractor
      - Farmer B cannot compete, he will lose his farm
        - Farmer B takes out a loan to buy a new tractor
  - Farmer B vs. Farmers from all over the world
    - Post World War I
      - European nations are finally able to increase agricultural production
        - High Supply = low prices
          - Farmers in america cannot make money

- **Banks over lending**
  - lending out too much money to farmers
  - lending out too much money to investors
    - Why?
      - Banks make money with loans via **interest**
        - more loans = money money
        - less loans = less money

- **Tariffs**
  - tax on importing and exporting goods
    - Gov't creates tariffs to protect american manufacturing
      - cheaper to buy american
        - people buy american
          - american businesses grow and people get jobs
  - **Problem:**
    - Farmers have to pay a tax to sell food to other nation
      - other nations do not want to buy overpriced goods
        - farmers can't sell goods
          - farmers can't pay back their loans
    - Other nations aren't happy about tariffs
      - they tax makes their goods to expensive, they can't sell to americans
        - Other nations create their own tariffs in retaliation
          - US manufacturers can't sell to the people in other nations
            - nations can only sell to people in their nation
              - less buyers for companies

                - less sales = less production
                - less workers!

- **Europe**
    - Nations in debt from World War I costs
    - Reparations
        - Nations that lost World War I have to pay a major fine
    - US stops lending money to Europe
        - no money = no spending

- **Chain Reaction**
    - Overproduction leads to firing of workers
        - workers do not have money
            - workers can't buy goods
                - companies are selling less goods = fire more workers
                    - more workers do not have money...

---Quiz 8---

Wed 1/21

- **Stock Market Crash**
    - some investors notice the signs
        - company stocks are overpriced - the price is going to drop soon
            - Why spend $3,000 of Ford
                - They make too many cars
                - They've fired a bunch of workers
                - They can't sell to Europe
                    - The stock is probably not even worth $1,000
            - Smart investors start selling all of their stocks
                - no longer own a part of Ford, get cash
            - Other investors notice the selling, they start selling
                - **Problem:**
                    - Sellers need buyers
                        - everyone is selling, no one is willing to buy stocks
                            - no one wants Ford for $2,000... $1,000 ...or $500
                            - demand is low = price is low

    - **Black Tuesday**
        - October 29, 1929
            - Selling spree - prices drop
                - Stock Market crashes
                    - Stock values drop almost 50%
                        - 50% of the money in the country just disappeared
                            - it wasn't real - overspeculation
                            - **Bubble** - people believed companies were worth more, than they actually were
                            - bubbles eventually burst
            - investors left holding stock in company
                - companies are worth little or nothing

- banks call in their loans **(margin buying)**
  - investors can't pay back loans
  - they only have their worthless stocks
    - investors lost everything
    - many commit suicide
    - some leapt from Wall Street buildings

- **The economy collapses**
  - no one is investing in businesses
    - less money for business
      - less workers...
  - Farmers lose it all
    - Workers lost jobs
      - can't buy foods
    - Farmers can't sell to other countries (tariffs)
    - Banks want their loans back
      - Farmer's can pay
        - Banks take the farm

  - **Banks Fail**
    - investors can't pay back loan
    - farmers can't pay back loan
      - Banks no longer have money
        - regular people that save money go to the bank
          - bank can't pay them
            - they have little money and farm lands
              - bank's close!
              - people that saved their money in the bank, lose everything!
  - No one has money
  - The best place to get money is a bank
    - Banks are closing down
      - 3,700 banks fail

Thu 1/22

- **Fear is the enemy**
  - as the economy spirals down, people freak out
    - people with money start to worry
      - they stop spending their money
        - less spending = less selling, and production
          - more people are fired
            - 25% of the US is unemployed!
              - 10% killed our economy in 2008

Response to The Great Depression

- **President Hoover's Harmful response**
  - Hoover believed it was Europe's fault
    - **Hawley-Smoot Tariff**
      - increased the tariff on imported goods to 50%

- **The Plan:**
  - americans will buy american
    - increase american production
      - especially from american farmers
- **The Real Result:**
  - other nations raise their Tariffs
    - international trade declines 66%
      - 66% less selling for businesses
        - fire more workers

- Hoover - "Charities should help needy american, not the gov't"
- **Bonus Army**
  - World War I veterans are owed money
    - The veterans march on Washington D.C.
      - Congress rejects paying them
        - Rioting takes place, military fight the veterans
- **Hoovervilles**
  - makeshift camps of unemployed works
    - not much more than cardboard slums
- Hoover does nothing to help the people
  - conservative
    - "**"Rugged individualism"**
      - people should help themselves

The New Deal

- **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR)**
  - Democrat elected president by promising to help people (1933)
    - **New Deal**
      - gov't will help those in need
      - gov't will fix the economy
    - FDR's inaugural address
      - President 1st speech after being sworn in
        - "Only Thing We Have to Fear Is Fear Itself"

Fri 1/23

- **The First New Deal (1933-35)**
  - **Three R's**
    - Relief
    - Recovery
    - Reform
  - **Brain Trust**
    - FDR appointed a group of experts to advise him
      - economists, professors, politicians
  - **First Hundred Days**
    - first 100 days of FDR's presidency
      - FDR convinced congress to approve all sorts of laws
        - change the US forever

        - the federal gov't will play a larger role in society
    - **Laws:**
        - repair the banking system
        - establish public works projects
            - gov't will borrow money
            - pay unemployed worker in the US to build and create things
                - workers have money = spend money
                    - businesses make money
                        - higher more workers
                        - more workers = more spending
        - subsidies to farmers
            - basically, give farmer money
        - revitalize industry

- **Bank Holiday**
    - Everyone is taking their money out of banks!
        - Afraid the banks will fail - people will lose their savings
            - when people take all their money out - banks fail!
                - soon there won't be any banks
                    - without banks = no loans
                        - loans are necessary to start businesses, buy homes, farms

    - **Emergency Banking Relief Act**
        - FDR uses presidential power to close all banks for 8 days
            - the gov't inspected every bank
                - if it was stable it was reopened
                - if not it was closed
                    - Fear is the enemy!
                        - investors and people need to feel safe with their money
                        - people will stop taking their money out of banks
- **Fireside Chats**
    - FDR's weekly radio show
        - explain to citizens what is happening
            - reassure them that everything will be fine
                - fear is the enemy!
- **FDR ends Gold Standard**
    - all printed dollars are backed by bars of gold
        - Gov't can only print dollars, if it has the gold to support it
            - remember gold bugs vs. silverites
    - Gold standard is over
        - Gov't can print as much money as it wants
            - more money = more spending
                - economy will grow
                    - downside: inflation

Mon 1/26

- **Glass-Steagall Act**
  - **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)**
    - insures your money in the bank
      - if you have $200,000 in the bank, and the bank fails
        - the gov't will pay you the $200,000
          - people feel safe putting money in the bank
- **Alphabet Soup**
  - acts created to help assist in relief
    - government agency names had acronyms
      - **Public Works Administration (PWA)**
        - employ americans to rebuild infrastructure
          - roads, railroads, dams, bridges
      - **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)**
        - reforest america
        - built state parks
      - **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**
        - supply impoverished area with hydroelectric power

- **Labor**
  - **National Industrial Recovery Act**
    - regulated industry
      - maximum work hours
      - minimum wages
      - stopped over production
      - price floors
        - supply and demand determine price
        - competition will lower price
          - sometimes price goes to low and businesses can't survive
            - e.g. price of potatoes can not be sold lower than the price floor
    - Guaranteed the right to **collectively bargain**
      - workers are allowed to negotiate with owners
        - Unions are strong again
          - **American Federation of Labor (AFL)**
            - white skilled workers union
          - **Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO)**
            - all workers union
  - **Federal Labor Standard Act**
    - Federal Minimum wage and maximum hours
    - ended child labor
  - Industry was not happy about the rebirth of Unions
    - eventually, they have to accept it
- **Second New Deal**
  - 1935-1938
    - more congressional acts
    - Federal Gov't even bigger and stronger (federalism?)

- **Works Progress Administration (WPA)**
  - build bridges & roads, refurbish parks
  - write plays and paint murals
- **Social Security Act (SSA)**
  - guaranteed benefits for retirees
    - workers pay in from their paycheck
    - after 64, receive a monthly paycheck

Tue 1/27

- **Support and Opposition**
  - **Support:**
    - Democrats (FDR = democrat)
    - Labor and Blacks
      - FDR appointed african americans to cabinet positions
      - FDR's new deal policies helped african americans get jobs
      - FDR promoted the repeal of Jim Crow Laws
      - FDR promoted anti lynching legislation
        - After the Civil War, African Americans were Republicans
          - Lincoln and the Republicans abolished slavery and passed the 13th, 14th, 15th amendments
            - Depression and New Deal
              - African Americans switch to the Democratic Party
                - still Democrats today
  - **Oppose:**
    - Racist democrats switch to republican
    - Democrats against FDR's strong federal gov't become republicans
      - New Deal = socialism
        - US is one step toward communism
    - Some thought he wasn't doing enough!
- **Court-Packing Scheme**
  - Some New Deal programs were ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court
    - FDR create a plan to over power the Supreme Court
      - Checks and Balances?
        - **Judiciary Reorganization Bill**
          - FDR could appoint extra judges to the supreme court
            - 6 new judges
              - 6 judges that would take FDR's side
                - Senate does not pass the bill
- **Recession before recovery**
  - US economy is growing, but it's all because of gov't spending
    - gov't cuts spending in 1937
      - economy goes down (recession)
        - FDR increases spending
  - **John Maynard Keynes**
    - British economist
      - questions the basics of economics
        - **Keynesian economics:**
          - proposed deficit spending

- Gov't should spend money it does not have
  - This will jump start the economy
    - People when get jobs
    - later on when the economy is healthy..tax the people
    - pay off the debt

- **End of the New Deal**
  - Depression still in full effect in 1937
    - people lose faith in FDR and the democrats
      - Republicans gain control of congress
        - FDR can no longer pass any law he wants
          - unemployment and poverty still a problem

Wed 1/28

Okies, and Minorities

- **Drought in the Great Plains**
  - Topsoil turns to dust - blows away
    - **Dust Bowl**
      - can't farm
        - farmers **("okies")** move west to California seeking work
          - Find jobs and discrimination

- **Minorities**
  - Jobs went to whites
    - FDR's hands tied
      - The south was controlled by democrats
        - the same democrats that:
          - seceded over slavery
          - fought for the confederacy
          - opposed reconstruction
          - created Jim Crow Laws
      - Help minorities - he won't get reelected
  - **Eleanor Roosevelt (FDR's wife)**
    - She promoted New Deal programs to help african americans
  - **A. Phillip Randolph**
    - Early civil rights leader
      - threaten to march on Washington
        - **Fair Employment Practices Act**
          - defense industry jobs for blacks
  - **Indian Reorganization Act of 1934**
    - repealed the **Dawes** Act
      - Gov't will recognize Indian Tribes
      - Gov;t will help indians preserve their culture
  - **Mexicans**
    - Okies move to California

            - Mexicans move back to Mexico
        - Other mexicans were rounded up and dumped over the border

World War II

- **FDR's foreign relations**
    - FDR pledged to get rid of high Tariffs
    - FDR formally recognized the **Soviet Union** as nation (communist nation)
    - FDR declared the Philippines independent
        - Spanish-American War 1898
- **The Depression around the world**
    - The US gov't spent money on building bridges, roads, etc.
        - Germany's gov't spent money - on their military
            - violation of the **Treaty of Versailles (WWI)**
                - US has its own problems
                    - Most americans believed in isolationism
                        - Hitler and the NAZIs are free to do whatever they want
                            - conquer Europe
                                - more land = more food = more money

---Quiz 9---

Mon 2/2

- Germany, Italy, and Japan struggling - turn to a savior
    - **Adolf Hitler**
        - German dictator
            - Artist and WWI veteran
                - upset about Treaty of Versailles
                    - attempts a coup, fails, imprisoned (1921)
                        - released gets back into politics
                            - gains support by:
                                - anti-communists
                                - anti treaty of versailles
                                - antisemitic (jews)
                        - elected Chancellor, later becomes a dictator
        - Creates **Third Reich**
        - **Lebensraum "living space"**
    - **Benito Mussolini ("il duce") ill doochay**
        - Italian dictator
        - Former journalist
            - **Fascism**
                - Totalitarian gov't
                - Nation is more important than individual rights
                - citizens must do what the gov't says
    - **Japan Military Dictatorship**

- **Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)**
    - military testing ground for dictators
        - NAZIs help the fascist **Francisco Franco**
            - NAZIs gain military experience

        - US does not get involved
            - FDR increases military spending
            - FDR pressure congress to pass the selective service act
                - military draft

- **Hitler and Mussolini**
    - Mussolini invaded Ethiopia 1935 (North Africa)
    - Hitler invaded the **Rhineland** (between Germany and France)
    - Japan invaded China
        - Europe does nothing
    - Germany invaded **sudetenland** (south of Germany near czechoslovakia)
        - **Munich Conference 1938**
            - France, England, and Germany meet
                - Czechoslovakia not invited
            - Create the policy of **"appeasement"**
                - Give Hitler sudetenland, if he promise to stop invading other countries
                    - Hitler accepts
                        - **British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain**
                            - "Peace for our time"
    - Hitler invades Czechoslovakia
    - **Nonaggression Pact**
        - Germany and Soviet Union are enemies
            - Poland was **"buffer zone"** between Russia and Germany
                - enemies form an agreement to not fight in 1939
                    - Germany gets western Poland
                    - Soviet Union gets eastern Poland

Tue 2/3

- France and England had promised to protect Poland
        - Hitler invades poland 9/1/1939
            - War is declared (WWII)
                - Too Late
                    - **Hitler launches Blitzkrieg**
                        - quickly conquers France
                            - England on its own vs. the **Axis Powers**
                                - Germany, Italy, and Japan

- **Neutrality Act Of 1939**
    - US remains neutral
    - authorized the sale of weapons
        - **"Cash and Carry" only**
            - Foreign nation must
                - buy with cash (no lease)
                - come pick it up
                    - keep US ships out of the war zone (WWI)
    - Germany beating up on England
        - air strike and submarine attacks

- **Winston Churchill**
  - new British Prime Minister
    - begs US for help
      - **destroyers-for-bases deal**
        - US will give UK old ships
        - US gets to build bases on British help carribean islands
          - caribbean = south of florida

- **Roosevelt's 3rd Term**
  - Not supposed to run for president 3 times
    - not illegal, just a general rule set by George Washington
      - FDR doesn't care
  - He plans to end US isolationism
    - **Lend-lease Act**
      - replace "cash-and-carry"
        - lend war materials to England
          - war sale = good for US economy
  - FDR's view
    - war is about "freedom vs. fascism:
      - America still doesn't want involved

- **Pearl Harbor**
  - Japan conquering Asia
    - moving south towards French-Indochina (french colony - Vietnam)
      - US cuts of supplies to Japan
        - Japan island nation with few natural resources (oil)
          - embargo
            - convince the Japanese to leave Asia alone
              - Japan has another idea:
                - destroy our Navy
  - **December 7th, 1941**
    - *"a day that will live in infamy"*
    - Japan surprise attacks the island of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
      - kill 2,400 americans (1,200 more were wounded)
        - 8 battleships were destroyed
        - 10 other ships were damaged
        - 200 planes were damaged
          - US congress declares war on Japan the next day

Wed 2/4

- **Mobilization**
  - Selective Service (draft) already in place before Pearl Harbor
    - After Pearl Harbor - many people volunteered for the war
      - no one in the US is an isolationist anymore
        - 260,000 women enlist
          - Flying supply missions, decoding encrypted messages, repairing machines

- **Office of War Mobilization**
  - shift the country into a wartime economy
    - Manufacturers production:
      - 1/2 war supplies
      - 1/2 domestic products
  - Unemployment vanishes!
    - large amount of Men and women have military jobs
    - Rest of america working in factories
      - The depression is over
  - Rationing, War Bonds, Savings Accts, Taxes from paycheck
- **Office of War Information**
  - produced Radio shows, newsreels, posters, and cartoons
    - keep citizens informed about the war
      - encourage citizen to participate
        - propaganda
          - **"Rosie the Riveter"**
          - **"Why We Fight" series**

- **Minorities during the War**
  - **"Bracero" program**
    - US needs workers
      - Mexicans brought to US as farm labor
        - become US citizens
  - **Zoot Suit Riots**
    - US sailors beat up Mexican teens wearing flashy clothes
      - Sailors caused the riots
  - **Native Americans**
    - work in factories
    - enlisted in the military
      - **Ira Hayes**
    - **Navajo Code talkers**
      - translated US army codes into Native American language
        - enemies couldn't steal US coded
          - only native americans know the language
  - **Japanese Americans**
    - **Executive Order 9066**
      - US paranoid over the Japanese, are they enemies?
        - 100,000 Japanese American citizens lost their homes and jobs
        - forced to live in internment camps (step above prison)
          - ***Korematsu v. United States 1944***
            - Supreme Court rules in favor of the US
              - removal of civil rights is justified during wartime

Thu 1/29

- **The Big Three**
  - US, England, and Soviet Union and meet
    - Hitler double crossed Soviet Union and the nonaggression pact
      - he invaded Russia
  - **Allied Powers** agree to take out Hitler first, then Japan
    - FDR and Churchill meet in Casablanca 1943
      - US will invade through North Africa and then Sicily
        - **Joseph Stalin (Soviet Union leader)**
          - Not happy
            - USSR needs help now!
              - USA and England
                - Democracy and Capitalism
              - USSR
                - Totalitarianism and Communism

- **War in Europe**
  - **European Theatre**
    - most of Europe under the control of Hitler
      - **Luftwaffe** (German air force) bomb Britain every night
        - **Battle for Britain**
          - Radar invented
            - Britain survives w/ the invention of radar
    - **Battle of Stalingrad**
      - Turning point of the War
        - US not involved
          - Nazis vs. Russians
            - Hitler turned on the Russians, wants their oil
              - Nazi push deep into Germany
                - Winter sets in and Nazi can't get supplies
                - Hitler refuses to retreat
                - Soviets win
                - Major losses
    - **Operation Torch**
      - US and England will attack Axis Powers from the South (1943)
        - Fighting takes place in North Africa
          - Allied led by:
            - Dwight D Eisenhower (US)
            - George Patton (US)
            - Montgomery (UK)
          - Axis led by:
            - Erwin Rommel ("desert fox")
        - Allies win
          - move North and invade Italy (9/1943)

- **Operation Overlord**
  - Allies must liberate France
    - **D-Day invasion**
      - amphibious landing on the beaches of Normandy, France (just across from England)
        - June 6, 1944
          - Super secret, everything had to go right for it to work...it did
            - except Omaha Beach
  - The Allies gain a foothold in France
    - Expand eastward and push the Germans back
      - Liberate Paris, France

Fri 1/30

  - **Battle of the Bulge**
    - Germans mounted a strong defensive attack (12/1944)
      - last ditch effort
        - Allies suffer big losses, but recover
          - US pushes towards Germany from west
          - Soviet Union pushes towards Germany from the east
            - April 1945 - Hitler commits suicide
  - May 7, 1945 - Nazis surrender
    - **Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)**
      - now ...Memorial Day
- **Yalta Conference**
  - FDR, Stalin, and Churchill meet
    - what to do with Europe and Germany
      - Stalin (russia) gets what they want
        - Germany is divide between the nations
          - FDR sides with Stalin
            - need russian support against japan
            - wants russia to support the United Nations
      - Stalin promises democracy in Eastern Europe
- **Nuremberg Trials**
  - Nazis prosecuted for war crimes
    - 200 found guilty
      - 12 executed

- **The Holocaust ("the catastrophe")**
  - Genocide of Jews, Gypsies, Slavs, communists, homosexuals, the mentally and physically disabled
    - approximately 11 million (jews main target - 6 million)
      - **Genocide**
        - The systematic and widespread extermination or attempted extermination of an entire national, racial, religious, or ethnic group
- **The Final Solution** - Hitler's plan to kill all Jews
  - Hitler blamed Jews for WWI and economic problems

            - Nuremberg Laws (1935)
                - Jews lose citizenship, jobs, property, and rights
            - Kristallnacht (1938)
                - Jewish refugees have nowhere to go
                - some Jews escaped to the US
                    - **Albert Einstein**
                        - “person of exceptional merit”
                            - nativism still strong
                                - *St. Louis* ship
            - Ghettos
            - Concentration Camps
                - Nazi doctors
            - Death Camps

Mon 2/2

War vs. Japan

- **Pacific Theatre**
    - Pearl Harbor = US loss
    - **Philippines**
        - US joins Filipinos vs. Japan
            - US loses
                - **General Douglas Macarthur** retreats
                    - “I shall return”
                        - **Bataan Death March**
    - Not looking good for the US
        - Two Naval battles were turning points early in the war
        - **Battle of the Coral Sea (May 1942)**
            - Allies keep a Japanese aircraft carrier from reaching australia
        - **Battle of Midway (June 1942)**
            - Islands midway between US and Asia
                - Japan attempted to lure the US into a trap
                    - US intercepts the and breaks the Japanese code
                        - US sets its own trap
    - **Island Hopping**
        - US conquered one island at a time toward Japan
            - eventually, the US neared Japan
                - Japanese would not quit
                    - Guadalcanal
                    - Iwo Jima
                    - Okinawa
                        - **kamikazes**
                            - deliberate suicidal japanese aircrafts
- **Ending the World War II**
    - FDR dies April 12, 1945

            - **VP Harry Truman becomes President**
                - Two choices:
                    - invade Japan
                        - risk thousands of American lives
                    - use a new secret weapon
                        - when he was VP, he didn't even know about it
                            - Atomic Bomb

Tue 2/3

            - **Manhattan Project**
                - New Mexico
                    - scientists create an atomic bomb
                        - **led by J. Robert Oppenheimer**
                            - “I become death, destroyer of worlds”
    - **Hiroshima**
        - August 6, 1945
            - **Enola Gay drops “little boy”**
                - Japan doesn’t quite
    - **Nagasaki**
        - August 9, 1945
            - **Bockscar drops “fat man”**
                - 200,000 die
                    - Emperor Hirohito was horrified
                        - Japan surrenders
                            - General Macarthur takes over Japan
                                - removers emperor
                                - executes main general Tojo
                                - creates a democracy and capitalism
    - **Potsdam Conference 1945**
        - Big 3 meet one last time
            - Truman (FDR dead)
            - Clement Attlee replaced Churchill (UK)
            - Stalin (USSR)
                - no one gets along
                    - Staling reneged on his promise
                        - No democracies in Eastern Europe
- **Costs and Consequences**
    - 800,000 US death
    - $360 billion
    - **Creation of the United Nations**
        - prevent war
    - **Service Readjustment Act (GI Bill)**
        - funded college for veterans

        - low interest home loans
        - low interest small business loans
    - Birth rate soared
    - African Americans had more opportunities
    - President Truman desegregated the federal gov't and the military
    - **22nd Amendment**
        - limited the presidency to two terms

---Quiz 10---