Ch. 26 World War II

Sect. 1 Paths to War

1. Why did Britain and France allow Hitler to violate the Treaty of Versailles when they had been so hard on them after World War I?
2. What might have been some of Hitler’s reasons for invading different areas of central Europe?
3. How did the economic interests of the United States play a role in Japanese aggression leading up to World War II?

Sect. 2 The Course of World War II

1. How did the British respond to The Blitz?
2. What was the name of the battle strategy used in the Pacific Theater? Why was this strategy used?
3. Why did Harry Truman decide to use the atomic bomb and not invade Japan?

Sect. 3 The New Order and the Holocaust

1. Who was Reinhard Heydrich and what were the Einsatzgruppen?
2. What does the word Holocaust mean? What was the purpose of the program implemented by the Nazis?
3. What was the dilemma faced by Japanese occupied territories in Southeast Asia?

Sect. 4 Home Front and Aftermath of War

1. What role did women play in the war? Was their role similar or different in different nations?
2. How effective were bombing raids? What did they do to people’s morale?
3. How does the Potsdam Conference lay the groundwork for the conflict we will see in the Cold War?