

Unit: WWII

Key People and Causes

Prerequisite Knowledge: From their study of world history in 7th grade, students should be able to connect the ramifications of the Treaty of Versailles, Wilson's 14 Points, and other causes of WWII, as well as its major events and eventual end.

Essential Questions:

1. Was it good for the USA to join WWII?
2. How is US foreign policy different today than it was at the start of WWII?
3. What impact did WWII have on the USA and NC?

Learning and Clarifying Objectives:

1. Describe how the US got involved in WWII (8.H.1.5, 8.H.2.1)
2. Compare the role of the USA prior to WWI to predict the role of the USA leading up to joining WWII (8.H.1.5, 8.H.2.4)
3. Illustrate the impact that WWII had on the US economy and the Great Depression and the role that had in people's lives (8.E.1.1)

Major Topics:

Isolationism, Axis, Allis, Pearl Harbor, Neutrality Act, Lend-Lease Act, Rationing, Home Front, Propaganda

Key Events and Victory

Prerequisite Knowledge: From their study of world history in 7th grade, students should be able to explain the significance of the Holocaust, the Atom Bomb and the end of WWII.

Essential Questions:

1. How does the end of WWII impact the development of the world?
2. What are the pros and cons of the technological process?

Learning and Clarifying Objectives:

1. Compare the differences and similarities of the end of WWI and the end of WWII (8.H.1.5)
2. Illustrate the impact that the development of the atomic bomb had on the world (8.H.3.2)

Major Topics:

The Manhattan Project, Atomic Bomb, Island Hopping, D-Day, Unconditional Surrender, Nuremburg Trials, GI Bill

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