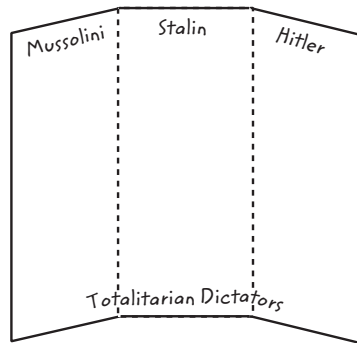


# World War II

## TOPIC SUMMARY

World War II devastated much of Europe and Asia, as the Allies, including Britain, France, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, fought to stop the expansionist Axis powers of Germany, Italy, and Japan. Initially providing only aid to Britain, an isolationist American public was finally drawn into the war with the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. The nation mobilized its military and industrial resources to wage war in Europe and the Pacific, achieving victory and world leadership.

### Comparing Totalitarian Dictators

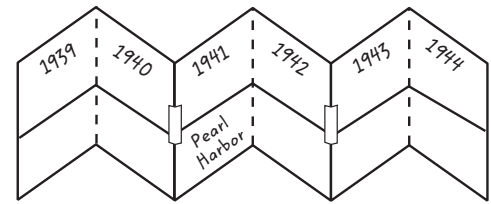


#### Trifold Book

Ask students to construct a Trifold Foldable to compare and contrast the dictatorships of Benito Mussolini, Josef Stalin, and Adolf Hitler. Have students use the Foldable to list details about each ruler under his name. This will be a helpful study guide on their differences and similarities in the totalitarian systems of the three men.

**Materials Needed:** one sheet of 8.5 x 11" paper.

### Creating a Time Line

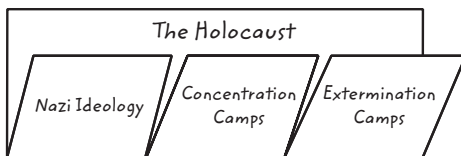


#### Accordion Book Foldable

Ask students to make a World War II time line spanning the years 1939-1945. Have students select major events to include, such as the U.S. entry into the war. They may choose to focus on military battles, or they may want to plot diplomatic and political events like the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression pact. Students should use the Accordion Foldable, using four sheets in order to have 7 sections to cover the time period—the last section can be cut off.

**Materials Needed:** four sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper; scissors, glue.

### Analyzing the Holocaust



#### Concept-Map Book

Ask students to compile facts about the Holocaust and present them in a Concept-Map Foldable. Have students organize their information into three categories: the reasoning behind the Holocaust, according to Nazi ideology; the establishment of concentration camps; and the "final solution" of extermination camps.

**Materials Needed:** one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, scissors.