

UNIT 10 - STUDY GUIDE
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1900-1950 - World at War

Overview: At the beginning of the 20th century, Western nations were in control of most of the world. The great powers of Europe were the strongest on earth until they turned their machines of destruction on each other in two devastating world wars. Out of World War I came communism in Russia, Nazism in Germany, and the Great Depression worldwide. Out of World War II came a new military strategy – killing as many civilians as possible – and a terrible new weapon for that purpose, the atomic bomb. At the end of World War II, Europe was no longer the dominant region of the world, replaced by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Essential Question: What is human nature?

Which will win out in the end: the cruel, beast-like side of human nature or the side of reason?

Essential Question: When is war justified?

What will happen if the Crips see a Crip being attacked by a Blood?

Was it morally acceptable for the Allies to target civilians in bombing raids during World War II?

Was President Truman justified in dropping atom bombs on Japan?

Historical Force: How does trade make history?

Why did Japan attack Pearl Harbor?

Historical Force: How does technology make history?

“In World War I, defense was king.” What does this phrase mean?

How did the Industrial Revolution change the nature of warfare?

How did Hitler and Stalin use mass culture to control the public? Could this happen in America?

Historical force: How does human choice make history?

How did World War II change the nature of warfare?

1. Read for understanding pages 37 through 41 of the *Student’s Friend*. Demonstrate your understanding by answering STUDY QUESTIONS for pages 37 and 38, by taking notes over pages 39 and 40 followed by QUIZZES over these pages, and by summarizing KEY POINTS for the 4 main topics on page 41 with answers to the questions: What is it? Why is it important?
2. Correctly spell the 20 main topics on pages 37 through 41 of the *Student’s Friend*.
3. Locate on a map of the earth the following places: the Balkans, Hungary, Poland, Southeast Asia, Hawaii, Normandy, Scandinavia.
4. Be familiar with the timeline of major events from the Big Bang through 1950.
5. How did nationalism help to start World War I?
6. What is the big danger with military alliances? Should the U.S. have alliances with other countries?
7. Why did many Americans believe the capitalist economic system was about to collapse after WWI?
8. Why is it sometimes said that World War II began in Asia in 1937?
9. Why is it sometimes said that World War I and World War II were one long war?