

Chapter 12 Notes

Ernie Pyle – Wrote Dispatches from the Front

Muriel Rukeyser – Wrote Letter to the Front

Bill Bullitt – United States Ambassador to France, reported call from Tony Biddle in Warsaw, WWII begins

Totalitarianism – a system where the government rules every aspect of civilian life

Good Neighbor Policy – US would not interfere in the internal affairs of its Latin American neighbors and Europe
Italy lost ¼ of its men, the people that survived can't find jobs. Allies didn't give Italy the land they were promised

Mussolini, nicknamed **Il Duce (The Leader)**, wounded veteran, promised change.

Fascists – followers of Mussolini, preached that the nation and the race were more important than the individual.

Black Shirts – gangs that frightened the people into supporting them, smashed offices of opposing parties

Under Mussolini, engineers built 400 bridges, 4000 miles of roads, even trains ran on time. **Invaded Ethiopia**

Hitler, wounded/gassed in WWI, turned a tiny workers party into **National Socialist German Worker's Party, or Nazis**

Blamed **Jews** for their troubles, betrayed in WWI, social divisions to be destroyed to make a powerful Germany for

Aryans

In 29, 6 million were unemployed. Took advantage of discontent, promised change, forget the Treaty of Versailles

Became **Chancellor in 33**, persuaded **Pres Hindenberg** to suspend civil rights, forced Reichstag to let him make laws w/o their consent, forced military to swear personal allegiance to him. When **Hindenberg** died, **Hitler became Fuehrer**

Rebuilt army, retook **Rhineland**, allied with Italy to form **Axis Powers**, occupied **Sudentenland** of Czech, then all of Czech

Broke Treaty again by a forced alliance with **Austria**, just moved into **Vienna**.

Appeasement – give in to Hitler's demands to keep peace.

Spanish Civil War – Parliamentary Government (repubs) VS Francisco Franco (Fascists). **Axis** backed **Franco, Soviets, US**, and **Britain** backed **Repubs**. **Fascists won**

Abraham Lincoln Brigade – 3000 Americans who opposed Franco's view, fought in Spain for the Republican cause

Munich Conference/Pact – **British Prime Minister Chamberlain** and **French Premier Daladier** to leave Hitler alone.

Hitler promised that he would not seek any more territory. Chamberlain said that the Pact meant "Peace for Our Time"

Signed non-aggression act w/ Soviets, agreed to divide Poland, attacked on 9/1/39

Luftwaffe – German Air Force **Blitzkrieg** – Lightning war

Japan didn't have land/resources, depended on imports, made them vulnerable

Chiefs of Army answered only to **Emperor** in matters of national defense. Invaded **Manchukuo**, installed puppet

government

League of Nations opposed Japan's moves, withdrew from the League, Roosevelt did little to help China, except urge

people not to buy silk. **Jiang JieShi/Song Mei Ling** were popular figures in US, authors like **Buck** and "**The Good Earth**".

Rape of Nanking – attack of Nanking/Shanghai, known to US as the "China Incident," raped/killed thousands

Senator G. Norris called Japan actions disgraceful; and barbarous.

Gallup Poll – 2/3 thought WWI was

mistake

Neutrality Acts – can't sell American weapons to those at war, can't travel to warring countries, war pays cash for goods

Kristallnacht – Night of Crystal Glass – the night were they burned synagogues/shops

Goebbels – propaganda

dude

Roger Langeron – Chief of Paris Police when Germans came, met **German military governor** at **Crillon Hotel**

Hitler conquered Poland, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, then France when **Maginot Line** failed

Germans advance, British had to be rescued by private ships to get 338,000 troops from Dunkirk to Britain, "**The**

Miracle"

Hitler accepted French Surrender in a Railroad Car

at night

Blitz – bombing raids at night, dropped London, Coventry.

of war

Interventionism – get in the war. **Isolationism** – stay out

White – Kansas City Journalist, interventionist, **Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies**. Support, but not

fight

Committee to Defend America First – Isolationists, Headed by **Wood, chairman of Sears, Roebuck, and Co.** Hoover

joined.

US gave 50 destroyers to Britain, given right for bases in Newfoundland, Bermuda, Guyana.

Selective Training and Service Act – 1st peacetime draft, serve for a year, but only in western hemisphere, ages 21 – 35

Lend Lease Bill/Act – gave him right to sell, lend, or lease military supplies that was “vital to the defense of the US.” “If a neighbor’s house is on fire, you would loan that person your garden hose w/o worrying about the price” Spent 50 million total

Wolf Packs – Groups of patrolling German subs that sank American/British ships, US asked Navy to escort all Allied ships

Germans sank destroyers **Greer, Kearny, Reuben James**, killed 100 men, Navy was ordered to fire at the sight of Germans

Revised Neutrality Acts to send armed ships to Britain. **Germans turned on Soviets, US extended Lend/Lease to Soviets**

German Subs were “Rattlesnakes of the Atlantic.” Lindbergh, along with many others, hated idea of helping communists

Churchill supported helping Soviets, only needed to destroy Hitler. Churchill/Roosevelt met on a warship off Newfoundland

Atlantic Charter – affirmed each nation’s right to choose it’s own gov, free from fear of aggression. Similar to 14 points

Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere – a Japanese empire, formed **Rome -Berlin-Tokyo Axis**, promised to defend VS US

US placed embargo of scrap metal, later to everything with military use. Japan occupies French territory in IndoChina

Wanted to fortify Philippines to build “**Two Ocean Navy**”. **Sec of State Hull** refused to meet with **General Tojo** and insisted that Japan leave under Open Door Policy, and that US would resume trade only if Japan left China and IndoChina
Accepting plan of **Admiral Yamamoto**, Japanese attacked **Pearl Harbor** instead of Philippines on **Dec 7, 1941**

Studs Terkel – Wrote the Good War Destroyed 19 ships, 188 planes in Pearl Harbor. 2300 Killed
US declared war on Japan, Italy/Germany declare war on US a few days later.

Anne Bosanko – joined the **Women’s Army Corps** as a medical assistant. Filled non combat jobs so men can go and fight

WAVES – Navy’s Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service African Americans were discriminated
Military officially segregated, Blacks given jobs such as cooks/laborers. The ones that did fight did well. Eisenhower sent an integrated unit into Battle of the Bulge, and it did better than a segregated one. “They are marines, period.”

Japanese American 442nd Regiment – called the **Nisei**, most decorated unit. Decoded many messages.

Marine Signal Corps – a group of Navajo that fooled the Japanese because the code was in Navajo.

Casablanca Conference – Morocco, Allies agreed to fight until Axis surrendered. US would fight defense war w/ Japan
1st

Stalingrad – Soviets needed support, but Allies were in N. Africa, Stalin left alone to defend StalinGrad, people fought from house to house, suffered massive casualties, but won. Allies sent men against Rommel and his tanks, Rommel counterattacked in **Tunisia**, but Allies prevailed. Eisenhower then directed **Operation Overlord**. They were to establish position, then move in

Before D-Day, bombed the hell outta Germans. Retook Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Hitler tried on final **Battle of Bulge**

Holocaust – Final Solution, **Rosenblum** – American soldier, found 40 boxcars of dead bodies. Killed 6mil Jews, 6 mil others

Some blamed the US for not stopping Hitler, US, Britain, Soviets all attacked Germany, **Hitler suicides**, Germany Surrenders, **Roosevelt dies, Truman takes over.** US turns to Pacific, Japan has taken Dutch East Indies, Burma, Wake Island, and Guam

In **Coral Sea** Americans bombarded Japanese fleet. No one won, but it stopped Japan advance. **Battle of Midway**, US destroyed 4 carriers/300 planes. Used **Island Hopping** – taking key islands and building bases to launch new attacks

Guadalcanal – In the Solomon Islands, attacked Japan while they were trying to build a base there, Japan was fighting to death

Iwo Jima – 20,000 casualties to secure tiny island, knew war would be bloody. **MacArthur** then recaptured **Philippines**
Truman scheduled invasion of Japan, **Operation Downfall**, but **Oppenheimer** finished atomic bomb, and Truman used it
Atom bomb tested at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Aug 6, 45, **Enola Gay** carried atomic bomb (**little boy**) over **Hiroshima**, then **Nagasaki (Fat Man)**. Killed about 200,000 eventually, Soviets declare war on Japan, Japan finally surrenders

Sec of War under Truman – **H. Stimson** Atomic Bomb developed in the **Manhattan Project**, by **Oppenheimer**
Interim Committee – people of Truman to advise him on use of nuclear weapons. **Undersecretary of the Navy** – **Ralph Bard**

Sec of State under Truman - J. Byrnes

Little boy = **20,000 ton TNT**