

## World War II Homework Questions

Remember that all questions are worth two points. In order to get both points you must restate the question at the beginning of your answer. Do **NOT** use pronouns ever. All parts of the question must be thoroughly and completely answered to get full credit.

1. What are the causes of the Great Depression?
2. Why do so many banks fail in the Great Depression?
3. How does the cycle of depression work and how can it be broken?
4. Does unemployment affect those who still have jobs? If yes, how? If not, why not?
5. How did the Smoot-Hawley Tariff make the depression worse?
6. Why does the Great Depression cause many democracies to fail?
7. Why does the King of Italy support Mussolini?
8. How does Hitler take control of the Nazi party?
9. Why does the Munich Beer Hall Putsch fail?
10. What is the significance to *Mein Kampf* to historians?
11. Why does von Hindenberg name Hitler Chancellor?
12. What is the lesson of the Reichstag fire?
13. How does Hitler get away with the Night of the Long Knives?
14. Evaluate Joseph Goebbels claim: "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it."
15. Why did the German people allow the Nuremberg Laws to be passed?
16. What is the significance of *Kristallnacht*?
17. Why does the League of Nations fail to stop Japanese aggression?
18. Why do Britain and France do nothing when Hitler renounces the Treaty of Versailles?
19. Should Chamberlain have agreed to Hitler's demands at the Munich Conference? Why or why not?
20. Why does Stalin agree to the non-aggression pact with Hitler?
21. Why does France fall in six weeks in WWII after surviving four years in WWI?
22. Why is Churchill considered such an effective wartime leader for the British?
23. If Congress wanted the United States to stay out of the war, why did they approve the Lend-Lease Policy?
24. Why does Operation Barbarossa fail?
25. Do the Japanese achieve their objectives at Pearl Harbor? Why or why not?
26. Why do the Allies invade North Africa and Italy before France?
27. What were the challenges of the D-Day invasion that the Allies had to overcome?
28. Why did MacArthur and Nimitz embrace the strategy of "island hopping"?
29. Was President Truman right to use the atomic bomb? Why or why not?
30. Why did no one in Germany object to the Holocaust?
31. What motivated the Germans to organize and conduct the Holocaust?