Unit 6: Roaring 20s, Economic Collapse and World War II

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Enduring Understandings

A period of tremendous economic and social change swept the US post WWI.

The modern consumer age can trace its' back to the Roaring 20s.

The Great Depression was a perfect storm of bad policy, practice, and timing.

Roosevelt's New Deal helped usher in a hotly contested belief that government must be pro-active with regards to its' citizens daily life.

The New Deal did not get us out of The Great Depression but rather our involvement in WWII did.

The worldwide economic collapse set the stage for fascism.

The Allies victory in WWII set the stage for the coming Cold War between East and West.

Essential Questions

How were the 1920s a dramatic cultural shift?

How was the "Harlem Renaissance" a trendsetter for the civil rights movement of the 60s?

Was prohibition a complete failure?

Should we blame Hoover for the depression?

How was government transformed throughout the New Deal?

Is FDR our greatest modern president?

What steps needed to be taken to stop Hitler and the Nazi's prior to 1939?

Why was the US unprepared for both Pearl Harbor and the start of the war?

What were the key turning points of the war?

What was the long-term impact of the Marshall plan?

Content

Vocabulary and Key terms

Flappers

Prohibition

Consumer Market Advertising/Demographic

crash/dividends

Shorting

Run on banks

Market share

Fascism

Socialism

Communism

Manhattan Project

Two front war

Skills

Recognize the societal changes that accompanied the 1920s.

Highlight the rise of personal consumption that followed post WWI.

Research and evaluate the major causes of the depression.

Trace the economic boom and bust periods of all American history and identify a unifying theme.

Analyze and interpret key primary source materials from the period.

Evaluate the individual New Deal programs and examine their overall impact.

Defend/attack Roosevelt’s big government intervention.

Highlight the direct causes of WW II.

Analyze the reasons for the Allies victory?

Resources

Standards

SOC.6.1.12.A.1.a	Explain how British North American colonies adapted the British governance structure to fit their ideas of individual rights, economic growth, and participatory government.
SOC.6.1.12.A.2.a	Assess the importance of the intellectual origins of the Foundational Documents (i.e., Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Bill of Rights) and assess their importance on the spread of democracy around the world.
SOC.6.1.12.A.2.b	Compare and contrast state constitutions, including New Jersey's 1776 constitution, with the United States Constitution, and determine their impact on the development of American constitutional government.
SOC.6.1.12.A.2.c	Compare and contrast the arguments of Federalists and Anti-Federalists during the ratification debates, and assess their continuing relevance.
SOC.6.1.12.A.2.d	Explain how judicial review made the Supreme Court an influential branch of government, and assess the continuing impact of the Supreme Court today.