

# The American Yawp

## Chapter 24 – World War II

### Quiz

1. Before turning to military expansionism, Japanese leaders were also considering which of the following strategies?
  - a. Pacifist isolationism
  - b. Communism
  - c. Pan-Asian anti-colonialism
  - d. Pro-western trade alliances
2. Which of the following statements are true regarding Soong May-ling, known to the public as Madame Chiang?
  - a. She was the daughter of Chiang Kai-shek
  - b. Her American education made her an effective diplomat in Chinese-American relations
  - c. She was able to spur American military action in China
  - d. All of the above
3. Hitler and Mussolini helped to topple which government in Spain?
  - a. Communists
  - b. Fascists
  - c. Nationalists
  - d. Christian Democrats
4. Britain and France declared war on Germany after which invasion?
  - a. Annexation of Austria
  - b. Seizure of the Sudetenland
  - c. Seizure of the remaining territory in Czechoslovakia
  - d. Invasion of Poland
5. Which of the following best characterized German military tactics
  - a. Small detachments of marching troops
  - b. Emphasis on fortifications
  - c. Speed and maneuverability
  - d. Guerilla warfare
6. Why did Hitler stop the Blitz in June 1941?
  - a. Germany was planning a land invasion of Britain
  - b. Germany needed the resources of the *Luftwaffe* to invade the Soviet Union
  - c. American efforts in southern Europe preoccupied Hitler
  - d. Defeats in Africa forced a redeployment
7. Roughly \_\_\_\_ of all German casualties in World War II came in the battle against the Soviet Union.

- a. 25%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 66%
  - d. 80%
8. The United States responded to Japanese aggression in the Pacific with the 1940 American Neutrality Act. What did this Act attempt to do?
- a. Maintain American diplomatic relations with both the Chinese and Japanese
  - b. Encourage greater economic cooperation with Japan in the hopes of deterring further aggression
  - c. Applying economic pressure to Japan to deter military expansion
  - d. Enable American arms build up under the deceiving title of neutrality
9. Which Allied nation was the first to reach Berlin?
- a. United States
  - b. Soviet Union
  - c. Great Britain
  - d. A coordinated attack from all three nations took the capital city
10. After the Victory in Europe, the United States suffered a setback in the Pacific. What was that setback?
- a. The surrender of American forces in the Philippines
  - b. Defeat at the Battle of Midway
  - c. Sinking of eight American battleships off the coast of the Solomon Islands
  - d. Defeat at Guadalcanal
11. Approximately how many civilians were killed by the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- a. 80,000
  - b. 180,000
  - c. 500,000
  - d. Nearly one million
12. What was the top tax rate during World War II?
- a. 33%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 60%
  - d. 94%
13. Approximately how many women served in the military during WWII?
- a. 15,000
  - b. 50,000
  - c. 200,000
  - d. 350,000
14. What prompted President Roosevelt to pass Executive Order 8802?
- a. The planned march on Washington led by A. Philip Randolph
  - b. The desperate need to fill wartime jobs

- c. FDR supported integration early in his campaign, and the war gave him the opportunity to pursue that agenda
  - d. The lynching of three black naval officers
15. Of the over 110,000 Japanese-descended Americans who were detained in internment camps, approximately how many were American citizens?
- a. Zero
  - b. 25,000
  - c. 50,000
  - d. 70,000