

Q U E S T I O N F O U R T E E N

What made the
G R E A T E S T
G E N E R A T I O N
g r e a t ?

EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

S T U D E N T W O R K B O O K

NAME

PERIOD

F I R S T Q U E S T I O N WAS AMERICA RIGHT TO TRY TO STAY OUT OF WWII?

What made the
GREATEST
GENERATION
g r e a t ?

MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

IDEAS

Isolationism
Fascism
Appeasement
Blitzkrieg

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Benito Mussolini
Adolf Hitler
Nazi Party
Joseph Stalin
America First Committee
Chiang Kai-shek
Winston Churchill
Hideki Tojo

EVENTS

Washington Naval
Conference
Marco Polo Bridge Incident
Rape of Nanjin
Battle of Britain
Attack on Pearl Harbor

PLACES

Axis Powers
Manchuria
French Indochina

SPEECHES

A date that will live in
infamy...

POLICIES, LAWS, & AGREEMENTS

Good Neighbor Policy
Munich Pact
Stimson Doctrine
Neutrality Acts
Cash and Carry
Lend Lease
Atlantic Charter

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Assiduously: with care and persistence

Aviator: a pilot

Belligerent: characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight

Blueprint: a printed plan or design

Embargo: a government order imposing a trade barrier

Formalize: make official

Fragmentation: the separation of something into pieces or particles

Incredulity: doubt about the truth of something

Inroad: an encroachment or intrusion

Insatiable: impossible to satisfy

Juggernaut: a massive unstoppable force

Leery: openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

Pact: a written agreement between two nations

Perplexing: lacking clarity of meaning

Plummet: drop sharply

Pronouncement: an authoritative declaration

Quota: a prescribed number

Refugee: an exile who flees for safety

Signatory: someone or a nation who signs a document or agreement

Synonymous: meaning the same or nearly the same

Violation: an action that disregards an agreement

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S E C O N D Q U E S T I O N WHY DID THE ALLIES WIN WWII?

What made the
GREATEST
GENERATION
great?

MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Bernard Montgomery
Erwin Rommel
Dwight Eisenhower
Douglas MacArthur
Harry Truman
Albert Einstein
Enrico Fermi
Robert Oppenheimer

PLACES

Los Alamos, NM
Trinity Site
Hiroshima
Nagasaki

IDEAS

Firebombing
Island Hopping
Kamikaze

DOCUMENTS

Einstein's Letter to
Roosevelt

EVENTS

North Africa Campaign
Invasion of Italy
Battle of Stalingrad
Operation Overlord
D-Day
Battle of the Bulge
Holocaust
V-E Day
Corregidor
Bataan Death March
Battle of Midway Island
Battle of Iwo Jima
Battle of Okinawa
V-J Day

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Manhattan Project

AIRCRAFT

Enola Gay

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Affix: attach to

Allocate: distribute

Amass: collect or gather

Bogus: fraudulent; having a misleading appearance

Carnage: the savage and excessive killing of many people

Casualty: someone injured or killed

Detonation: the act of setting off an explosive

Deviant: a person whose behavior is different from what is normal

Emblematic: serving as a visible symbol for something

Forewarn: notify of danger in advance or beforehand

Hemorrhage: the flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessel

Impregnable: incapable of being attacked or tampered with

Invasion: any entry into an area not previously occupied

Metamorphose: change in outward structure or looks

Milestone: stone at side of a road to show distances, a symbol of progress

Phony: fraudulent; having a misleading appearance

Ultior: beyond what is openly revealed

Unconditional: not qualified by reservations

Vaporize: turn into gas

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NOTES ON THE TEXT

T H I R D Q U E S T I O N DID WWII MAKE LIFE IN AMERICA BETTER?

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PEOPLE & GROUPS

Conscientious Objector
Rosie the Riveter
A. Philip Randolph
WASPs
WAVES
Tuskegee Airmen
Code Talkers
442nd Regimental Combat Team

LAWS

Executive Order 8802
Executive Order 9066

IDEAS

Rationing
Scrap Drives
War Bonds
Victory Garden
Arsenal of Democracy
Newsreel
Double V Campaign

GOVERNMENT

PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES

Office of Price Administration
Office of War Information
War Production Board
Bracero Program

COURT CASES

Korematsu v. United States

EVENTS

Zoot Suit Riots

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Ancestry: the lineage of an individual
Barrio: a neighborhood where most people speak Spanish
Cascade: a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls
Catalyst: something that starts a reaction
Cosmetic: serving an esthetic rather than a useful purpose
Distinctive: different and identifiable
Enticing: highly attractive
Juvenile: of or relating to children or young people
Mistreatment: the practice of regarding (someone or something) badly
Nefarious: extremely wicked
Pacifist: someone opposed to violence as a means of settling disputes
Relocate: become established in a new place
Relocation: the act of changing your residence or place of business
Sabotage: a deliberate act of destruction or disruption
Sadistic: deriving pleasure from inflicting pain on another
Sibling: a brother or sister
Traumatic: psychologically painful
Workforce: the people employed or available for employment

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