

Chapter 25: The Global Crisis, 1921-1941

Overview

After World War I, the United States avoided international commitments but not international contact. Relations with Latin America improved, but in Asia and Europe, crises were brewing. The initial American reaction to the aggressive moves of Italy, Germany, and Japan was one of isolationism. Anxious to avoid involvement in another world war, the United States passed a series of Neutrality Acts; but as the Axis aggressors became bolder, Roosevelt eased the nation closer and closer to war. The attack on Pearl Harbor blew away all isolationist remnants, and the nation entered World War II determined and unified.

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Vocabulary Terms

Isolationism	Appeasement	Internationalism
War of the Worlds	Washington Conference of 1921	Cash-and Carry
Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928	America First Committee	Circular Loans
Election of 1940	Benito Mussolini's Fascist Party	Lend-Lease
Good Neighbor Policy	German U-Boat Warfare	Neutrality Acts
Atlantic Charter	Sino-Japanese War	Tripartite Pact
Munich Conference of 1938	Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act of 1934	Henry Stimson

Focus Questions

Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper AFTER you have finished reading the chapter. DO NOT simply Google the questions. This will not aid you in your understanding of the text, reading strategies, or long-term comprehension. Include and **highlight** the vocabulary terms.

1. How isolationist was the United States in the 1920s? Was the dual policy of economic penetration and arms limitation an effective approach?
2. Compare and contrast the American reactions to World Wars I and II. Explain the relationship between attitudes toward World War I and the isolationist sentiment and neutrality legislation of the 1930s.
3. How close to full involvement in World War II in Europe and/or Asia was the United States prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor! Was full entry likely?

Reading Notes

As you read, write AT LEAST 5 important facts from the section referenced on the left. All vocabulary terms used should be **highlighted**.

Replacing The League	
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Debts and
Diplomacy

Hoover and The
World Crisis

Depression
Diplomacy

<p>America and the Soviet Union</p> <p>The Good Neighbor Policy</p>	
<p>The Good Neighbor Policy</p>	
<p>The Rise of Isolationism</p>	

The Failure of
Munich

Neutrality Tested

Neutrality
Abandoned

The Road to Pearl
Harbor