

Guided Reading Activity

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A World in Flames, 1931–1941

Lesson 2 *From Neutrality to War*

Review Questions: Outlining

DIRECTIONS: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. American Neutrality

- A. Many Americans did not want to become involved in the international conflicts and were called _____. Congress passed the _____, reflecting the idea that _____ brought the United States into World War I.
- B. A second neutrality act continued the ban on selling arms to warring nations, and required non-military supplies to be bought on a _____ basis.
- C. President Roosevelt believed in _____, the idea that trade between nations creates _____ and prevents _____.

II. Neutrality Tested

- A. Although Roosevelt wanted the United States to remain _____, he sent the British old _____ in exchange for the right to _____ in British territories.
- B. By 1940, most Americans believed in giving _____ to the Allies.
- C. However, some groups, such as the _____, opposed any intervention to help the Allies.
- D. To help Britain, the _____ allowed the U.S. to send weapons to them if they agreed to return or pay rent for them after the war.
- E. The United States sent supplies to the _____ after Germany invaded in 1941.
- F. Because the United States was neutral, Roosevelt developed the _____ idea that the western half of the _____ was also neutral. The U.S. Navy could reveal the _____ to the British.

IV. Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor

- A. When Roosevelt blocked the sale of _____ and _____, Japan signed an alliance with Germany and Italy to become a member of the _____.
- B. Roosevelt reduced the amount of _____ exported to Japan, so Japan decided to seize the _____ and attack _____ on _____.
- C. On December 11, 1941, _____ and _____ declared war on the United States.

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Summary and Reflection

DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

Why did the United States want to remain neutral and how did it become involved in World War II?
