UNITED STATES HISTORY II · ILLINOIS

# United States History II

## Practice Test

### Unit 2: The World Wars

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Illinois curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

In what year did the United States enter World War I?

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Question 2

The sinking of which British passenger ship in 1915 helped turn American opinion against Germany?

A) Lusitania

B) Titanic

C) Queen Mary

D) Mayflower

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Question 3

The Zimmermann Telegram of 1917 proposed an alliance between Germany and which country against the United States?

A) Canada

B) Mexico

C) Brazil

D) Spain

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Question 4

President Woodrow Wilson Fourteen Points called for what after World War I?

A) A harsh punishment of France

B) United States control of Europe

C) A League of Nations and open diplomacy

D) An end to all navies forever

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Question 5

The Treaty of Versailles of 1919 formally ended World War I and placed major blame on which nation?

A) France

B) Germany

C) Russia

D) Italy

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Question 6

Why did the United States Senate refuse to join the League of Nations after World War I?

A) It feared loss of sovereignty and entanglement in foreign wars

B) It wanted war with Britain

C) It opposed all trade

D) It wanted to join the Axis

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Question 7

The stock market crash of 1929 helped begin which long economic crisis?

A) The Great Recession

B) The Panic of 1873

C) The Oil Crisis

D) The Great Depression

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Question 8

Which New Deal program created jobs for young men in conservation work?

A) Social Security Administration

B) Civilian Conservation Corps

C) Tennessee Valley Authority

D) Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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Question 9

The Tennessee Valley Authority built dams and brought electricity to which region?

A) The Pacific Northwest

B) New England

C) The Tennessee Valley region

D) The Great Plains only

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Question 10

The Social Security Act of 1935 created what?

A) Unemployment insurance only

B) Old age pensions and aid for dependent children

C) A national health service

D) Free college for all

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Question 11

The Dust Bowl of the 1930s mainly affected farmers in which region?

A) New England

B) The Pacific coast

C) Florida

D) The Great Plains

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Question 12

In what year did Japan attack Pearl Harbor in Hawaii?

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Question 13

The attack on Pearl Harbor led the United States to declare war on which country first?

A) Italy

B) Germany

C) Japan

D) Spain

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Question 14

Which 1941 program allowed the United States to supply Britain and later the Soviet Union with war material?

A) Cash and Carry only

B) Marshall Plan

C) Lend Lease

D) Truman Doctrine

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Question 15

D Day on June 6 1944 was the Allied invasion of which part of France?

A) Brittany

B) Normandy

C) Provence

D) Corsica

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Question 16

The Battle of Midway in June 1942 was a turning point in which theater of World War II?

A) North Africa

B) Italy

C) Eastern Europe

D) The Pacific

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Question 17

The Battle of Stalingrad from 1942 to 1943 was a turning point on which front?

A) The Eastern Front

B) The Western Front

C) The Pacific Front

D) The African Front

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Question 18

Executive Order 9066 in 1942 led to the internment of which group in the United States?

A) German tourists

B) Japanese Americans

C) Italian merchants

D) Mexican workers

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Question 19

Rosie the Riveter became a symbol of what during World War II?

A) Women serving as generals

B) Women voting for the first time

C) Women working in war industries

D) Women leading peace talks

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Question 20

The Manhattan Project developed which weapon during World War II?

A) The tank

B) The atomic bomb

C) The jet fighter

D) The submarine

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Question 21

Atomic bombs were dropped on which two Japanese cities in August 1945?

A) Tokyo and Kyoto

B) Osaka and Kobe

C) Yokohama and Sapporo

D) Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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Question 22

Victory in Europe Day in 1945 marked what event?

A) The surrender of Japan

B) The surrender of Germany

C) The invasion of Normandy

D) The attack on Pearl Harbor

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Question 23

In what year did World War II end with the formal surrender of Japan?

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Question 24

The Nuremberg Trials after World War II prosecuted leaders of which regime for war crimes?

A) Fascist Italy

B) Nazi Germany

C) Imperial Japan only

D) The Soviet Union

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Question 25

The United Nations was founded in 1945 mainly to do what?

A) Promote peace and international cooperation

B) Control world trade

C) Build atomic weapons

D) Colonize Africa

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# ANSWER KEY

1. 1917
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. D
8. B
9. C
10. B
11. D
12. 1941
13. C
14. C
15. B
16. D
17. A
18. B
19. C
20. B
21. D
22. B
23. 1945
24. B
25. A

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