

Events leading to America's entry into World War II

The Allies

Democratic nations (the United States, Great Britain, Canada) were known as the Allies. The Soviet Union joined the Allies after being invaded by Germany.

Allied leaders included Franklin Roosevelt and later Harry S. Truman (United States), Winston Churchill (Great Britain), Joseph Stalin (Soviet Union).

Gradual change in American policy from neutrality to involvement

Isolationism during the Great Depression was due to legacy of World War I.

Economic aid to Allies was provided.

Direct involvement eventually happened,

War comes to America in the Pacific

Rising tension developed between the United States and Japan because of Japanese aggression in East Asia.

On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor without warning.

The United States declared War on Japan.

Germany and Italy declared war on the United States in loyalty to their Axis partner.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the major causes and effects of American involvement in World War II by a) identifying the causes and events that led to American involvement in the war, including the attack on Pearl Harbor.