

United States Involvement In World War II

1. The Lend-Lease Act

- allowed for the selling or lending of war materials to countries fighting the Axis Powers.

2. Japanese expansion worries America.

3. America prohibits the sale of war materials toward Japan.

Ex. iron, steel and oil

4. Japan bombs Pearl Harbor (1941)

- U.S. naval base in Hawaii
- 2400 people dead
- American ships and war planes are destroyed

5. America declares war on Japan

- Germany and Italy declare war on the U.S.

Turning Points In World War II:

Victory in Europe (1942 -1945)

1. *From North Africa To Italy*

A. German and Italian armies are defeated at El Alamein, Egypt.

****IMPORTANCE: access to oil!!**

B. In 1943, the Allies crossed the Mediterranean and invaded Italy.

C. Mussolini's government collapses and Italy surrenders unconditionally.

2. *Russian Counteroffensive:*

A. Russians defeated a Nazi army of 300,000 soldiers at Stalingrad.

B. Russians drove Nazis from Russia and pursue them westward.

C. They reach eastern Germany in 1945.

3. *Allied Invasion Of France (D-Day June 06,1944)*

A. American and British forces cross the English Channel and land in Normandy in Northern France.

B. Establishes a major second front.

C. Allied forces push back the Nazi army and drive the Germans from France.

4. *Surrender Of Germany*

A. British and American forces meet Russian soldiers driving in from the east.

B. Hitler commits suicide in an underground bunker.

C. Germany surrenders unconditionally.