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**Advanced Placement European History**

*Unit 8: Chapter 27, Dictatorships and the Second World War Key Terms and Reading Questions:*

World War II *Study Guide*

**Key Terms:**

Blitzkrieg Holocaust

Dunkirk genocide

Winston Churchill ghetto

“London Blitz” Einsatzgruppen

Henri-Philippe Petain “Asia for Asians”

SS Great Patriotic War

Heinrich Himmler Dwight Eisenhower

**Reading Questions:**

1. In the spring of 1940, Germany conquered most of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Europe, and by the summer of 1940, Germany had conquered most of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Europe.
2. What type of fighting occurred in the Battle of Britain and what were the results?
3. Germany invaded what European nation in June of 1941?
4. Explain the geographic organization of occupied France during World War II.
5. Although occupied, France did undertake a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fight the German occupation.
6. Nazi persecution of the Jewish population began with what three general means?
7. The German invasion of what two Eastern European nations from 1939-1941, placed most of the pre-World War II European Jewish population under Nazi control?
8. What Nazi organization was in charge of the systematic persecution and murder of millions of European Jews?
9. What terminology did the Nazis use to describe their decision to eliminate the Jewish population of Europe?
10. What was the most infamous of the Nazi extermination camps?
11. What did Holocaust survivor Primo Levi mean by what he called the “gray zone” of moral compromise?
12. For most of World War II, what did Stalin want most from the Western Allies?
13. What battle was the turning point in the World War II struggle in North Africa?
14. The Allies used their victory in North Africa as a “launching pad” toward the invasion and liberation of what European nation?
15. What battle was the turning point in the Nazi-Soviet struggle in Eastern Europe?
16. The D-Day landings took place in what region of northern France?
17. What Allied nation was the first to reach and occupy Berlin?
18. The US used atomic bombs against what two Japanese cities at the end of World War II?