

Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **How did the United States move from neutrality to full involvement in the war?**

► Use this chart to record key information from the section. Some information has been filled in to get you started.

The United States at War	
Moving Toward War	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Roosevelt was reelected for a third term in <u>1940</u>. He sympathized with the _____ in Europe. • The _____ supported the British by allowing them to obtain American war goods without paying for them directly. • Meanwhile, the United States passed the first _____ to build up its armed forces. • Roosevelt and British Prime Minister _____ showed their alliance by meeting and issuing the _____. • On _____, the _____ waged a surprise attack on U.S. naval forces at _____. As a result, <u>the United States declared war</u>. • In turn, _____ and _____ declared war on the United States. • The main Axis powers were Germany, Italy, and _____. • The main Allied powers were Britain, France, _____, _____, and _____. 	
Europe and North Africa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Soviet Union, key victories that stopped the German push took place near <u>Moscow</u> in 1941 and at _____ in 1942. • In North Africa, the British began pushing back the German tank corps after the victory at _____ in Egypt. • The United States entered its first ground combat troops and occupied _____ and _____ under the command of _____. 	
Japan Sweeps Through the Pacific	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese troops invaded country after country in the Pacific region, including _____, which were governed by the United States and had <u>U.S. bases</u>. • General _____ became commander of the U.S. troops in the region. • The Bataan Death March followed the defeat in _____ and took the lives of U.S. and _____ prisoners. • Two historic naval battles that turned the tide of the war in the Pacific were the Battles of <u>the Coral Sea</u> and _____. Both were important because the United States _____. 	

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 24 Focus Question on page 377.