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From Isolationism to War

Chapter 17 section 4- pages 585-589

**Part I: Identify, define, explain each of the following terms**

1. **Neutrality Acts**
2. **Cash and Carry**
3. **America First Committee**
4. **Lend-Lease Act**
5. **Good – Neighbor Policy**

**Part II: Completion – Respond to the following questions using complete sentences.**

1. **During the 1930’s the United States adopted a policy of isolationism. Provide several reasons why the U.S. worked to remain isolated from international affairs.**

**Energies were focused on solving the problems of the depression. In addition the horrors of WWI were still fresh in the minds of many.**

1. **In what way did the Neutrality Acts actually encourage aggression?**

**With the Neutrality Acts we sent a clear message to aggressor nations (Italy, Germany and Japan) that we would not get involved.**

1. **As the decade of the 1930-s drew to a close how and why did American opinion regarding Axis aggression begin to shift?**

**As we transitioned to the late 30’s our economy recovered. Unemployment went down. Aggression by Germany and Italy now started to get our attention.**

1. **From 1939-1940 what steps were taken by FDR to provide aid to peoples being targeted by Axis aggression?**
2. **Repealed the Arms Embargo 2) American merchant ships carried goods to Britain 3) Destroyers for Bases**
3. **Describe the events that prompted FDR to become creative and promote the Lend-Lease Act?**

**He was reelected easily (mandate), Britain was nearly bankrupt**

1. **As a result of Japanese aggression, what steps did FDR take in July of 1940? What did FDR do when Japan seized all of French Indochina?**
2. **Began limiting what Japan could buy from the U.S. , 2) Froze Japanese assets in the U.S., 3) Cut off all oil shipments to Japan**
3. **According to the text, why was Pearl Harbor chosen as a target?**

**The U.S. Pacific Fleet was stationed in Pearl Harbor. This Fleet was the only thing that prevented the spread of Japanese influence in the region.**

1. **Describe the events of December 8, 1941 and December 11, 1945.**

**12/8 FDR asked Congress to declare war on Japan and they did. There was one no vote.**

**12/11 Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.**