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Canada and the Second World War Questions

Use the Counterpoints textbook to answer these questions – pages 120-132

1. What is a dictator?

2. What is a totalitarian state?

3. Where did totalitarian governments develop after the First World War?

4. Use the chart to list details of the Soviet Union, Italy, Germany, Spain, and Japan.

Country	Party	Leader	How did the leader gain power?	Results of the leader's dictatorship
Soviet Union				
Italy				
Germany				
Spain				
Japan				

5. Describe Hitler's imperialistic ambitions.

6. How did France and Britain react to Hitler's occupation of the Rhineland and annexation of Austria?

7. What was the Munich Agreement?

8. What was the policy of appeasement?

9. What was the outcome of British Prime Minister Chamberlain's policy of appeasement in Czechoslovakia?

10. What is a non-aggression pact?

11. Why did Hitler and Stalin sign a non-aggression pact in August 1939?

12. Why do you think Hitler ignored the British and French demand that he withdraw from Poland?

13. How did Britain and France react when Hitler refused to withdraw from Poland?

14. Why was the League of Nations unable to fulfill its mandate to maintain world peace?

15. How did the League of Nations react to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931? How did the Japanese respond?

16. How did the League of Nations react to the Italian invasion of Abyssinia in 1935?

17. What is isolationism?

18. Why did Prime Minister King follow a policy of isolationism?

19. What are refugees?

20. What is Anti-Semitism?

21. Why was Canada reluctant to accept immigrants other than those from Britain or the United States?

22. Describe what happened to the Jewish refugees onboard the S.S. St. Louis.

23. How was Canada's entry into the Second World War different from its entry into the First World War?

24. What assurance did Prime Minister King give Justice Minister Ernest Lapointe and the people of Quebec during the debate about whether or not to declare war on Germany? Why?

25. Which political leader argued against entering a war with Germany? Why?
26. Do you agree or disagree with J.S. Woodsworth's position? Why?
27. Describe the state of Canada's armed forces at the start of the Second World War.
28. Describe recruiting efforts in September 1939.
29. What were some of the main reasons why Canadians volunteered to fight overseas?
30. What role did Prime Minister King prefer for Canada in the war? Why?
31. What was the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP)?
32. Describe the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan's contribution to the war effort.
33. What is total war?
34. What was C.D. Howe's role in Canada's war effort?

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35. Which countries were known as the Allies during the Second World War?

36. Which countries were known as the Axis during the Second World War?

37. Describe the key aspects of Germany's war tactic known as blitzkrieg ("lightning war").

38. Why was it crucial for the Allied troops to evacuate at Dunkirk?

39. What was the Luftwaffe?

40. What was the result of the Dunkirk evacuation?

41. What significant event happened on June 22, 1940?

42. Use the chart to list details of Canada's military participation during the Second World War.

Battle	Date and Location	Description (key details, purpose, significance, outcome)	Canadian involvement and/or contributions
Battle of Britain			
Battle of Hong Kong			

Battle of the Atlantic

Bomber Command

Dieppe Raid

Italian Campaign

D-Day

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Liberation of the Netherlands			
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43. What is VE Day?

44. What was the Manhattan Project?

45. What was Canada's role in the Manhattan Project?

46. What were the effects of the use of the atomic bomb against Japan?

47. Do you think the Allies were justified in dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Why or why not?

48. What is genocide?

49. Describe how people were treated at concentration camps such as Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz.

50. What happened to Nazi leaders who committed atrocities during the Second World War?

51. What are war crimes?

52. What atrocities did prisoners of war experience in Japanese camps?
53. What are crimes against humanity?
54. Germans and Japanese committed war crimes during the Second World War due to their treatment of people. Do you think German and Allied attacks against civilians (like the bombings of cities) also represent war crimes? Explain.
55. How did women contribute to the war on the home front?
56. What steps did the government take to prevent inflation and pay for the war?
57. What was the National Resources Mobilization Act?
58. Why was Quebec so opposed to conscription?
59. What is a plebiscite and why did Prime Minister Mackenzie King decide to hold one?
60. What was the outcome of the plebiscite? How did the people of Quebec react?
61. Why was Prime Minister King finally forced to send conscripts overseas in 1944?
62. In what way did Canada's economy change during the Second World War?

63. What were war brides?

64. Do you think the Second World War was good for Canada? Explain.