



Debating Problems in History

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California State History-Social Science Content Standards: 11.7 Students analyze America's participation in World War II. 11.7.1 Examine the origins of American involvement in the war, with an emphasis on the events that precipitated the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Directions for Teachers

1) Preparing students for the lesson

- a. Read the lesson focus question to set purpose of this lesson.
- b. Students brainstorm historical events of the 1930s to review historical context.
- c. Read in textbook about the build up to the bombing of Pearl Harbor and fill in the timeline with major events.
- d. Read the **Historical Context Document** to identify arguments of isolationists and interventionists and fill in the chart.

2) Present students with documents. Which side of the argument do the documents support?

- a. Students work in groups to analyze documents to identify what argument they support.
- b. Students categorize documents as to which side of the debate they support and fill in the **Document Analysis Chart 1**.
- c. Students review **Document Analysis Chart 1** and circle the most persuasive arguments and evidence on both sides of the debate.

3) Structuring a Student Debate: Should the United States enter World War II? (prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor)

- a. Tell students they will be preparing arguments to the Congress to convince them to support the isolationists' or interventionists' point of view on whether the U.S. should have entered WWII prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- b. Assign students sides to debate (Isolationists vs. Interventionists). Students get into teams to prepare arguments for debates.
- c. Students use the **Structuring a Debate Chart** to choose evidence and decide on arguments for the debate.

4) Writing an essay: Should the United States have entered World War II before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941?

- a. After completing the debate students choose which side they would like to defend in an essay. Please refer to the Writing Prompt on page 17. Students use **Document Analysis Chart 2** to further analyze the primary sources for a written essay and structure their thesis and supporting arguments.

Note: Teacher may want to give students the 5-paragraph outline and three **Document Analysis Chart 2s** in order to structure each body paragraph.

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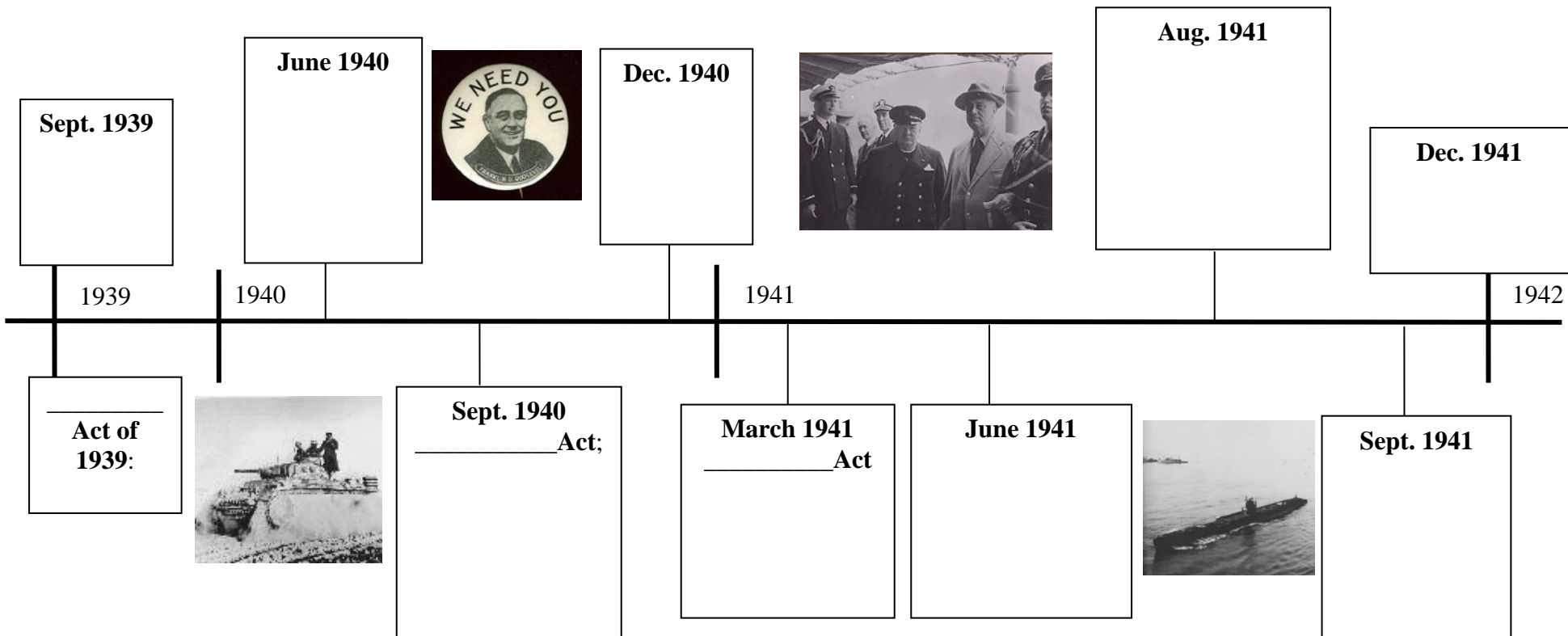
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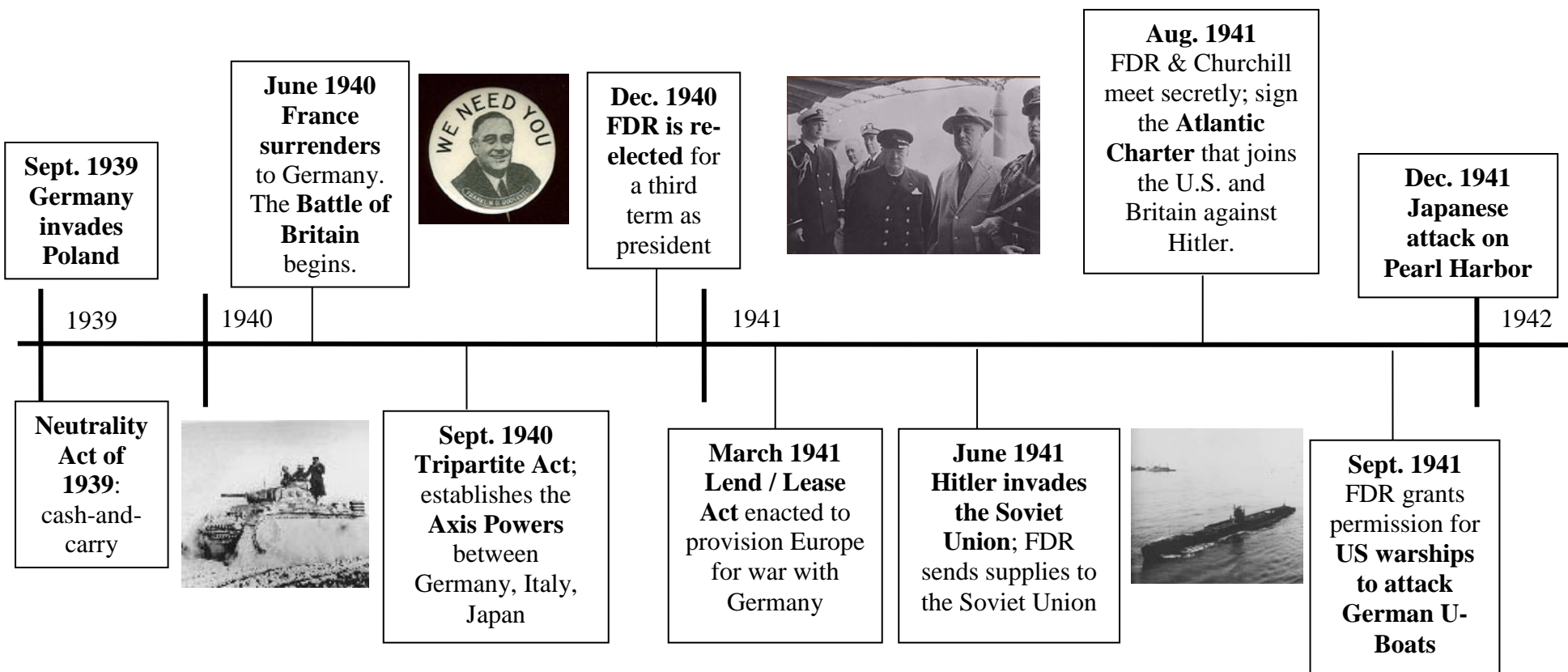
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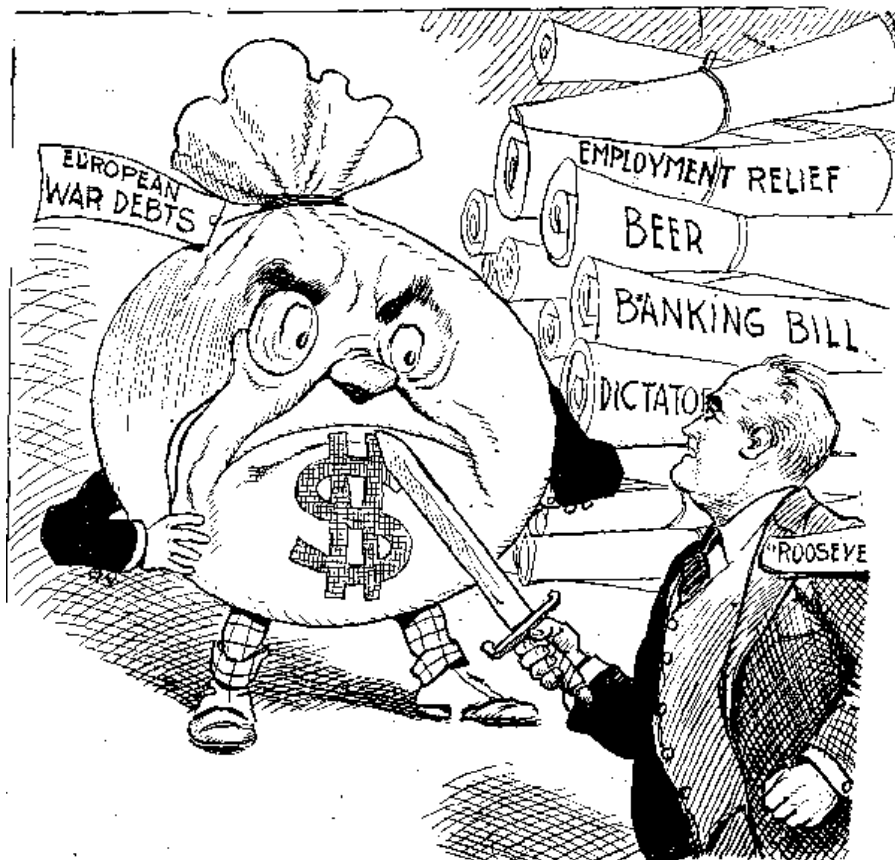
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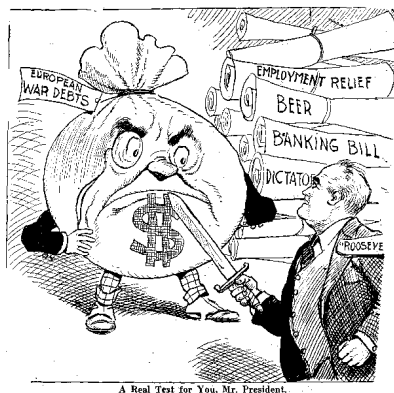
Document Analysis Chart 1

Should the U.S. have entered World War II before the bombing of Pearl Harbor?

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| <p>Side One: Interventionist Yes, the US should have entered WWII before Pearl Harbor.</p> | <p>Side Two: Isolationist No, the US had valid reasons for not entering WWII before Pearl Harbor.</p> |
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Writing Prompt

Following World War I, tensions in Europe grew as Hitler and other fascist leaders came into power. Soon, many European countries fell to the German armies while Japan's power grew in Asia and the Pacific Ocean. While Roosevelt feared the events in Europe and Asia would probably draw the United States into a war, there were strong feelings that the US should not get involved in another European war and there was concern about recovering from the Great Depression. By 1941, Axis powers had attacked U.S. supply ships and the Nazis controlled most of Europe. On December 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor prompting the United States entry into World War II.

Writing Question: Should the United States have entered World War II before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941?

Choose between an Isolationist or Interventionist argument and write from that position. Use the information from the readings and the attached primary sources.

Expectations: Construct a written argument in a multi-paragraph essay which has:

1. A multi-paragraph format with an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
2. A clear thesis statement which is your answer to the above question
3. At least three body paragraphs which support your claim about whether the United States should have entered WWII before Pearl Harbor. At least two paragraphs should support your claim and the third should address the counter-argument.
4. Accuracy, using evidence from the primary sources to support your arguments.
5. An analysis of each piece of evidence explaining why it is relevant and significant.
6. A concluding paragraph that restates the thesis.

Possible Thesis Statements

Interventionist:

The United States should have entered World War II prior to Pearl Harbor because the United States' inaction allowed the Axis powers to strengthen and expand. Germany had already taken over Poland and France, they had bombed Great Britain, and Japan had invaded China which threatened the world balance of power and the United States on its western frontier.

The United States should have officially entered World War II prior to Pearl Harbor because the United States was already part of the war. Before Pearl Harbor, the United States was sending supplies to Britain and the Soviet Union, U.S. supply boats were being attacked by German forces, and the U.S. was strengthening its own military. These are the actions of a country at war, not isolation.

Isolationist:

Despite the military actions of Germany and Japan, the United States was right in not entering World War II because the United States had suffered unnecessary losses in World War I. The United States was not prepared militarily and the fighting did not directly affect U.S. citizens.

The United States was right in not entering World War II until forced to do so by the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor because the United States was still trying to recover from the Great Depression. Unemployment rates were still high in the late 1930s and early 1940s and extra spending by the government should have been used for domestic problems such as feeding and housing unemployed families, rather than sending supplies to Europe.

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**Appendices – Literacy Support Strategies
Structuring a Debate Chart**

A Proponent of _____ Vs An Opponent of _____

POSITION

I feel strongly that _____

I disagree. I feel strongly that _____

SUPPORT

First, _____

First, _____

Also, _____

Also, _____

Finally, _____

Finally, _____

COUNTERARGUMENTS

The other side says _____

The other side says _____

but I still feel _____

but I still feel _____

Some people say _____

Some people say _____

but isn't it more important that _____?
_____?

but isn't it more important that _____?
_____?

DRAWING THE LINE (STATING A CONCLUSION)

If we went to war, the outcome would be

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which is more important than our opponent's
argument that _____

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argument that _____

Document Analysis Chart 2

Essay Question: **Should the United States have entered World War II before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941?**

Thesis/Assertion:

Topic Sentence:

| Source/Context of Evidence <i>What is the document, Who wrote it, brief summary</i> | Evidence: Facts, Quotes from document | Analysis <i>This means that This shows</i> | Relevance to Thesis <i>This proves that This is relevant because</i> |
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Thesis/Assertion: Answers the question or prompt and makes a claim about the issue.

Context: What is the document? Who wrote the document? Where and when was it published? What's it about?

Evidence: Details about the topic: definitions, examples, dates, & names.

Analysis: This answers the question: "So what?" or "Why is this significant or important?"

Relevance: How does this evidence support your thesis?

Five Paragraph2 Essay Outline

(Possible essay support structure)

Introductory Paragraph:

Topic Sentence: _____

Background: _____
(Explain the time period)

Explanation of the basics: _____
(Introduce your topic and the events leading to them)

Thesis Statement – Write this sentence out:

Body Paragraph #1

Topic sentence: _____
(Write this sentence out)

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Analysis: _____

Body Paragraph #2

Topic sentence: _____
(Write this sentence out)

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Analysis: _____

Body Paragraph #3-The Counterargument

Topic sentence: _____
(Write this sentence out)

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Evidence: _____

Analysis: _____

Concluding Paragraph:

Restate your thesis: _____

Explain your analysis and the importance of your main points:

Relate your topic to a larger concept:

