

# WORLD WAR II

Vocab

- ▣ **Allies:** In WWII, the group of nations originally consisting of Great Britain, France, and The Soviet Union and later joined by the U.S.
- ▣ **Axis Powers:** The group of nations including Germany, Italy, and Japan that opposed the Allies in World War II

- ▣ **Dictatorship:** A government in which one individual has absolute authority
- ▣ **Fascism:** A political philosophy that advocates a strong, centralized, nationalistic government headed by a powerful dictator

▣ **Totalitarian:**  
Characteristic of a political system in which the government exercises complete control over its citizen's lives

▣ **Empire:** A group of nations ruled by one supreme authority

- ▣ **Aggression:** The practice of making unprovoked attacks against other nations

- ▣ **Appeasement:** The granting of concessions to a hostile power in order to keep the peace

- ▣ **Arsenal:** A government building or buildings where arms and other war supplies are manufactured or stored; also the war supplies themselves

- ▣ **GI:** From “government issue” applied to American soldiers in World War II and later wars

▣ **Lend-Lease Act:** A law, passed in 1941, that allowed the U.S. to ship arms and other supplies, without immediate payment, to nations fighting the Axis powers

▣ **Neutrality Acts:** A series of laws enacted in 1935 and 1936 to prevent U.S. arms sales and loans to nations at war



- ▣ **Nisei:** Children of Japanese immigrants born and educated in the U.S.

- ▣ **Executive Order:** Emergency rules made by the president which have the power of law

- ▣ **Internment Camps:** Confinement or a restriction in movement especially under wartime conditions; temporary prisons used for Nisei Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor

- ▣ **Rationing:** A restriction of people's right to buy unlimited amounts of particular foods and other goods, often implemented during wartime to ensure adequate supplies for the military

▣ **Kamikaze:** Involving or engaging in the deliberate crashing of a bomb-filled airplane into a military target; often used by Japanese pilots

▣ **Unconditional Surrender:** Giving up without any terms or conditions decided upon beforehand