1. **America Enters the War**
   1. **FDR supports England** 
      1. **Neutrality Act of 1939- Warring nations could buy weapons from the US., cash and carry**
      2. **Destroyers-for-bases Deal: Churchill asked Roosevelt for old American destroyers. Gave them to Britain in exchange for the right to build American bases on Newfoundland, Bermuda, and islands in the Caribbean.**
   2. **The Isolationist Debate**
      1. **Public Opinion- after invasion of France and rescue at Dunkirk, most Americans favored offering limited aid to the Allies. Fight for Freedom Committee, America First Committee**
      2. **The Election of 1940**
         * **Issues: neutrality, should Roosevelt run for the third term**
   3. **The Edging Toward War** 
      * + **Roosevelt said in speech to Congress that Britain was fighting for democracy and US had to help.**
        + **Four Freedoms: speech, worship, from want, from fear.**
2. **The Lend- Lease Act**
   * **Britain ran out of money. This act allowed the U.S. to lend or lease arms to allied countries if they promised to return or pay rent for them after the war.**
   * **$40 billion in lend-lease credits went to Britain and Soviet Union**
   * **June 1941- Hitler violated Nazi- Soviet pact and launched a massive invasion of the Soviet Union**
3. **The Hemispheric Defense Zone** 
   * **Needed to solve the problem of getting American arms and supplies to Britain. German subs sinking merchant ships and British Navy did not have enough ships to stop them.**
   * **FDR declared that the entire western half of Atlantic was part of Western Hemisphere therefore neutral. U.S. Navy patrolled and revealed location of subs to the British.**
4. **The Atlantic Charter**
   * **August 1941 FDR and Churchill met aboard warships anchored near Newfoundland.**
   * **Leaders committed to a postwar world of democracy, nonaggression, free trade, economic advancement and freedom of the seas**
   * **Became the basis for the United Nations**
   * **German U-boats torpedoed the Reuben James, American destroyer- 115 sailors died**
   1. **Japan Attacks the US**
      1. **America Embargos Japan**
         * **Britain had to move warships from Asia (where they were protecting Britain territory from Japanese attack) to the Atlantic.**
         * **FDR put economic pressure on Japan to discourage the Japanese from attacking the British Empire. Blocked the sale of airplane fuel and scrap iron to Japan.**
         * **1940: sent lend-lease aid to China (keep Japan busy and prevent them from attacking elsewhere). Strategy failed.**
         * **All Japanese assets in US were frozen, reduced oil being shipped to japan and sent General Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines to build up defenses there.**
         * **Japan began making plans to attack British and Dutch colonies in SE Asia- for resources.**
         * **Could not risk leaving the US navy in Pacific to oppose their plans.**
      2. **Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor**
         * **December 7, 1941 “a date which will live in infamy”**
         * **December 8th U.S. declared war on Japan**
      3. **Germany Declares War**
         * **December 11th Germany and Italy declared war on US**