

Chapter 20 - Day 4

- People had to move to where jobs were which created housing shortages and led to increased racial tensions. In southern Calif. “zoot suit” riots between whites and Mexican Americans
- Japanese Americans were treated the worst after Pearl Harbor
- No one would do business with them
- FDR Ex. Order 9066 re-located Japanese Americans into camps. Supreme Court upheld this as military urgency in *Korematsu v. the United States*
- Despite that, Japanese-Americans served their country in the all Japanese 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated unit in WWII
- Prices rose—products in short supply—increased gov’t debt
- Office of Price Administration regulated wages and prices
- War Labor Board prevented strikes
- Gov’t rationed meat, sugar, shoes, rubber, gas
- People planted victory gardens, organized scrap metal drives, collected oil and fats for nitroglycerin
- US spent over \$300 billion in WWII—raised taxes only covered 45%, the rest was raised by war bonds

Section 4 Pushing the Axis Back

- To win the Allies have to launch a risky invasion from sea
- At the Casablanca Conference, Churchill and FDR agreed to step up the bombing of Germany increasing to 53,000 tons of explosives a month, causing oil shortage and wrecked the RR system. It destroyed aircraft factories. Germany could not replace their combat losses. By the time the Allies landed in France they had control of the air
- After Allies gained control of North Africa they invaded Sicily
- The King of Italy and a group of Italian generals put Mussolini under arrest. In September 1943 Italy surrendered
- The Germans seized control of Northern Italy and put Mussolini back in power
- It took the Allies 5 months to break through the German lines at Casino and Anzio. The Italian campaign was one of the bloodiest in the war costing 300,000 casualties
- Late 1943 Stalin, Churchill, and FDR meet to discuss invasion of Europe. Stalin promised to launch a full scale attack on Germany when the Allies invade France. He also promised to help the US defeat Japan when Germany was defeated
- “Operation Overlord” code name for invasion of France
- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower invasion commander
- Germany had fortified the coast of France expecting an invasion