



Second World War Quiz

People Profiles

World Leaders

Josef Stalin

1. What was Stalin's nickname?
2. In the 1930s, Stalin sent all opposing military, political or cultural figures to the gulags to prevent any opposition to what Stalin wanted, what was this called?

Adolf Hitler

3. What art school was Hitler rejected from?
4. What is the name of the book that Hitler wrote?

Harry Truman

5. What was Truman's job during the First World War?
6. Name one of the peacekeeping initiatives that Truman was part of creating?

Winston Churchill

7. What political position did Churchill get in 1900?
8. How many times was Churchill Prime Minister?

Franklin Roosevelt

9. What disease did FDR have that left him barely able to walk?
10. FDR sent aid to help the Allied Forces when the Second World War started, but did not take any military action until the attack on ----- in December of 1941.

Benito Mussolini

11. What was the name of the newspaper that Mussolini started?
12. In 1938, Mussolini aligned with the same values as Hitler, what was that called?

Michinomiya Hirohito

13. Hirohito was the 124th Emperor of Japan, what did he decide his name for his reign would be?
14. The very first time an Emperor's voice was heard on the radio was when Hirohito shared what news with the Japanese public?

Tojo Hideki

15. Tojo Hideki served in the Japanese Embassy in which country?
16. As Japan started to lose more battles, Tojo's popularity faded and in July of 1944, what happened?

Haile Selassie

17. What event led to the name change from Lij Tafari Makonnen, to Haile Selassie?
18. Selassie went before whom to plead for help in Ethiopia in 1936?



Living Through Conflict

The Holocaust

19. How many siblings did Ivor Perl BEM have?
20. What year did the Russian army descend upon Auschwitz from the east?
21. Where in Germany was Susan Pollack sent to work in an armaments factory?
22. How many Jews altogether had fled to Albania?
23. In what buildings did Renee Bornstein hide to survive to Holocaust?
24. Who represented Hungary at the Olympics in 1924?

Nazi Persecution

25. How many people were murdered by the Nazis as part of the Aktion T4 project in the year 1940/41?
26. What was the Aktion programme for?
27. What does the term Porajmos mean and who came up with the term?
28. Why was Johann Trollmann denied a place in the German team for the Amsterdam Summer Olympics?
29. How many of Europe's Roma and Sinti were targeted by the Nazi's for total destruction?

A Fight for Freedom

African Contributions

Introduction

30. Name a Commonwealth Country in Africa that people came from to help the war effort.
31. What were the names of the two ships (Crown Colony Class Cruisers) the Royal Navy had?

Military Contributions

32. Who were the core Axis powers?
33. Who were the chief Allied powers?
34. How many soldiers approximately were from British Colonies in Sub Saharan Africa?
35. What tasks did African Soldiers perform?
36. How many Nigerian Soldiers served in the Royal Navy?

Economic Contributions

37. What is pyrethrum?
38. What caused the allied forces to lose access to raw materials, such as rice, rubber and pyrethrum in 1941?

Social Impact

39. How many Africans were conscripted to help produce Sisal?
40. Why did the Army become the 3d largest educational institution in the East African region?
41. Name three reasons why people joined the army in Africa?



Caribbean Contributions

Introduction

42. What were the British territories in the Caribbean known as?
43. How many men from the Caribbean had won Victoria Crosses in the 19th century?
44. What was one of the most notable elements of the Caribbean's large contribution to the RAF?

Military Contributions

45. How many people approximately served in the Army from the West Indies?
46. Name three roles people from the Caribbean served as?
47. What did ships from the Merchant Navy ensure?
48. Who created the Caribbean Sea Frontier?
49. How many women from the Caribbean joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service?
50. When did the Battle of the Caribbean begin?
51. How many ships had been lost in the Caribbean by November 1942?

Economic Contributions

52. Where was a source of Bauxite?
53. How many gallons of oil were used from Trinidad to defeat the Germans in North African in 1942?

Social Impact

54. In addition to the British Empire, who did the Caribbean send personnel to?
55. How many Caribbeans served in the Armed Forces?
56. Which country implemented a new constitution in 1944?

Commemoration and Legacy

VE Day in Britain

57. Which president of Germany negotiated an end to the Second World War with the Allies?
58. Who signed the document of surrender on behalf of Germany?
59. Why was a further document signed on the 8th May 1945 by German Field Marshal W. Keitel?

CWGC Stories

Gronert Twins

60. Why were the Gronert Twins not conscripted for the war?
61. Where are the Gronert twins buried?

Lieutenant Rex Whistler

62. Where is Lieutenant Rex Whistler's most famous work hung?
63. How old was Lieutenant Whistler when he volunteered for the Second World War?
64. What date was Operation Goodwood launched in Normandy?

Violette Szabo

65. What was Violette Szabo awarded for her courage and selflessness?



Randolph Harvin

66. Why did Randolph Harvin decide to serve with the Canadians?
67. When was Randolph Harvin shipped out to France?

John Grayburn

68. When did Lieutenant John Grayburn complete his parachute training at the RAF Ringway?

Jemadar Abdul Hafiz

69. Who led a counter-attack against a Japanese position on the 6th April 1944?

Roger Bushell

70. When did Squadron Leader Roger Bushell first attempt to escape captivity?
71. What are the words inscribed on the headstone of Squadron Bushell?

Keith Douglas

72. Where were Captain Keith Douglas' poetic talents recognised?
73. What did the tank crews consider bad luck?

Ronald Williams

74. What did Ronald Williams and his friends do in Valletta?

John Livingstone Boyd

75. What aircrafts did Pilot Officer John Livingstone Boyd fly?
76. What year did Pilot Boyd receive his wings?

Artistic Responses to Conflict

Poetry

Miklos Radnot

77. What was Miklós Radnót drafted into in May 1944?
78. What was Radnót's early poetry heavily influenced by?

Alun Lewis

79. When was Alun Lewis's second book of poems published?

Art

Evelyn Dunbar

80. What role did Evelyn Dunbar play for women during the Second World War?
81. What did Evelyn focus her art on?

Duncan Grant

82. Who asked Duncan Grant to create two paintings during the Second World War?
83. Which two artists did Duncan spend time with in France as a young man?



Speech

Adolf Hitler

84. Who was Hitler's famous Stalingrad Speech on November 8th, 1942 addressed to?
85. Who wrote Hitler's speeches?
86. What educational academy rejected Hitler?

Winston Churchill

87. What is Winston Churchill well known for other than his speeches?
88. What year was Churchill made Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
89. How many major speeches did Churchill deliver in 1940 around the time of the Battle of France?

Song

Glen Miller

90. Where was Glen Miller's plane flying from before it disappeared?
91. Why was Glen Miller not able to make a living as a musician?
92. Why was Miller not drafted into the military?

Vera Lynn

93. When did Vera Lynn release her song 'We'll Meet Again'?
94. Where did the Entertainment National Services Association send musicians?
95. What was Vera Lynn nicknamed and why?



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Answers

World Leaders

- 1) Man of Steel
- 2) The Great Purge
- 3) Vienna Academy of Fine Arts
- 4) Mein Kampf
- 5) Captain in the Field Artillery
- 6) United Nations, North Atlantic Peace Treaty, and Marshall Plan
- 7) MP of Oldham
- 8) Twice
- 9) Polio
- 10) Pearl Harbor
- 11) La Lotta di Classe (The Class Struggle)
- 12) Pact of Steel
- 13) Enlightened Harmony
- 14) Hirohito declared Japan's surrender over the radio
- 15) Berlin, German
- 16) He was removed from his position
- 17) He became Emperor
- 18) League of Nations

The Holocaust

- 19) Eight
- 20) 1945
- 21) Guben
- 22) More than 1,000 Jews
- 23) Barns, Farms and Convents.
- 24) Béla Guttman

Nazi Persecution

- 25) 30,000
- 26) Nazi programme for sterilising and murdering those with mental or physical disabilities
- 27) Devouring and Roman scholar and activist Ian Hancock
- 28) Because of his 'non – German' boxing style
- 29) Upward of 220,000

African Contributions

- 30) Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Sierra Leone
- 31) HMS Uganda and HMS Jamaica
- 32) Germany, Italy and Japan
- 33) Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the United States and China
- 34) 500,000
- 35) Fighting in major battles, moving ammunition and supplies on the battlefield and to other locations, helping to save wounded soldiers, building military bases, airfields and roads and even guarding the military bases that they helped.



- 36) 3,500
- 37) A type of flower
- 38) Japan joined the SWW following the attack on Pearl Harbour, and subsequently invaded the British Colony, Burma.
- 39) 84,000
- 40) The East African Command formed its own education corps
- 41) Choice of: Fear/ sense of loyalty to their country/ betterment of their lives/ opportunities to access education/ higher wages/ do something they perceived to be exciting and meaningful

Caribbean Contributions

- 42) British West Indies
- 43) 2
- 44) Personnel
- 45) 20,000
- 46) Choice of: Pilots/ Commissioned officers/ Navigators/ Mechanics/ Maintenance staff
- 47) Trade continued throughout the war and brought goods to Britain and other war fronts
- 48) The United States
- 49) 30
- 50) 1942
- 51) 270
- 52) British Guiana
- 53) 25 million gallons
- 54) The United States
- 55) 20,000
- 56) Jamaica

VE Day in Britain

- 57) Grand Admiral Karl Donitz
- 58) General Alfred Jodl
- 59) Stalin wanted a separate ceremony

CWGC Stories

- 60) They were classed as essential workers
- 61) CWGC Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery
- 62) On the walls of the Rex Whistler Restaurant in the Tate Britain in London
- 63) 35
- 64) 18th July
- 65) The George Cross
- 66) Discrimination against black soldiers in US forces
- 67) 25th June 1944
- 68) August 1943
- 69) Abdul Hafiz
- 70) May 1940
- 71) 'A leader of men. He achieved much, loved England and served her to the end.'
- 72) Christ's Hospital School
- 73) Carrying the wooden cross on their tank
- 74) Went to the Cinema
- 75) Hurricane and Spitfire fighter aircrafts
- 76) 1941



Poetry

- 77) A final term of forced labour where he worked in the copper mines
- 78) Avant-gardes
- 79) August 1945

Art

- 80) Key role in celebrating the strength and adaptability of women
- 81) Life on the home front
- 82) War Artists' Advisory Committee
- 83) Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso

Speech

- 84) Senior members of the Nazi Party
- 85) Hitler
- 86) Vienna Academy of Fine Arts
- 87) Writing, oratory skills and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1953
- 88) 1940
- 89) 3

Song

- 90) England
- 91) It was very competitive
- 92) Too old
- 93) 1939
- 94) Around the world
- 95) The Forces Sweetheart as she reminded the soldiers of the people who were at home that they were fighting for – mothers, sisters and wives.