

Helpful Hints #8

Here are a few hints to assist you in your review of your notes from class and the reading on Unit 8:

- ¶ Why did people admire Lindbergh so much? How did Lindbergh's image match reality? What did Lindbergh do before World War II that brought his name and image back to the forefront?
- ¶ What seems to be missing in modern life that our heroes do for us?
- ¶ How have the media affected culture in the twentieth century?
- ¶ How did TR's daughter characterize Harding?
- ¶ What did Prohibition accomplish?
- ¶ How did the automobile help to change American sexual mores?
- ¶ What ideas did Coolidge have about government?
- ¶ How did Americans regard their material blessings after WWI?
- ¶ How is isolationism a good example of reactionary forces operating after WWI?
- ¶ How did our imaginary investor become wealthy in the 1920s?
- ¶ What role did enormous margins play in the speculation boom in the stock market?
- ¶ How did our story relate to the causes of the Great Depression?
- ¶ What did FDR promise in the 1932 campaign?
- ¶ Once FDR took office, what was the basis of his New Deal?
- ¶ What finally got the U.S. out of the Depression?
- ¶ What attributes characterized Japan during the centuries prior to the mid-1800s?
- ¶ What lessons did the Japanese learn from Europeans (including the U.S.) that led to WWII in the Pacific?
- ¶ What happened at the end of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905? How did the U.S. play a role in the war's resolution?
- ¶ What 1823 declaration did the Japanese use as their model for expansion in East Asia and the Pacific?
- ¶ Why did the Japanese plan for victory in the Pacific fail? What miscalculations did they make?
- ¶ How did the stockbroker Weinberg remember the day of the great crash? Who saw it coming? What does he say about the mass suicides on Wall Street everyone remembers?
- ¶ How did the Depression affect ordinary Americans, both economically and psychologically?
- ¶ What was Hoover's approach to the Depression crisis? What did he tell Americans they must do? What example does the author give as symbolic of Hoover's philosophy of self-reliance?
- ¶ What role did the Red Cross and other charitable organizations play in the early years of the Depression? Were their efforts effective and sufficient?
- ¶ Whom did FDR blame for the Depression in his first inaugural address? How does he relate it to Hoover and the Republicans?
- ¶ According to James MacGregor Burns, what part of the Roosevelt's program epitomized the New Deal in action? Why? How did it "galvanize the American people?"
- ¶ Why does Burns describe FDR as "nonideological?" One observer said, "He caught hell from all sides." Why?
- ¶ Who were Roosevelt's advisors in the early days of the New Deal? Why were they important to him? Who was "the most remarkable?"
- ¶ Why does Burns call Roosevelt a "broker of ideas?" Why did FDR compare himself to a quarterback in a football game? How did he preside "over a grand concert of interests?" How did the country respond to his leadership during the so-called Hundred Days?
- ¶ What part did partisan politics play in FDR's way of operating?

¶How did Roosevelt use the radio to make people feel better? What did he call his radio addresses to the nation?

¶How did Winston Churchill characterize the Holocaust?

¶To what extent was FDR and his administration guilty of doing less than they could have to save European Jews?

¶What forces worked to limit the emigration of Jews from Germany once the Nazis began their persecutions?

¶Why did the American military fail to attack the concentration camps more aggressively?

Contrast the reactions of Generals Eisenhower and Patton to Nazi horrors?

¶How much did American anti-Semitism affect the reaction of the United States to the Holocaust? In the face of clear evidence that FDR and Americans in general had knowledge of the slaughter of the Jews, are you satisfied with Vanden Heuvel's apology for U.S. inaction?

¶What were the physical effects of the atomic bomb on its human victims?

¶What chance factors at Hiroshima added to the inherent destructiveness of the atomic bomb and thus produced more death and devastation than American scientists had predicted?

¶What was the immediate reaction of the Japanese army and government to the news of what had happened at Hiroshima? Why was the true nature of the American attack kept secret from the Japanese people?

Good luck! Study carefully. Remember, those who genuinely master the material are superior (A) and above-average (B).