Chapter 14 Study Guide

1. **The Early Rise of World War II** 
   1. **HITLER - GERMANY**
      1. WWII happens as a result of the end of WWI. Germany did not like their punishments in **the Treaty of Versailles.** The German people felt that they were too harsh on them.
      2. People were mad at the German government because **the soldiers were still fighting victoriously, but the government ordered a surrender in WWI.**
      3. The German people **blamed the German government for the Great Depression** in Germany. People were starving.
      4. This **begins the rise of Adolf Hitler** saying Germany needs a new Government “**The Nationalist Socialist Party” AKA “The Nazis”**
      5. Hitler tries to take over the Government in an event called, **“The Beer Hall Push**” he gets arrested.
      6. He writes in jail a book called, **Mein Kompf or “My Struggle**”
         1. This outlines his plan to take over control, and have mass genocide of the Jews.
         2. Mein Kompf becomes the #1 seller in Germany, gets him out of jail and a position in the government.
      7. Hitler plots, and kills hundreds of people one night claiming they were traitors to Germany, takes power as **Fuhrer or “Emperor”**
      8. **Hitler begins to take land back that Germany lost in WWI**. But no one does anything. Hitler invades Poland and takes it over, then people declare war on Germany.
   2. **BENITO MUSSOILI - ITALY**
      1. Same thing happens in Italy with a man named Benito Mussolini, **He created a large army** called the **“BLACK SHIRTS”** and took over the Italian Government calling himself, **IL DUCE or “the leader”** and his **“MARCH ON ROME”**
      2. Mussolini would give **speeches on radio everyday** about economic change in Italy. Became a national hero.
      3. **Mussolini and Hitler become friends** and Mussolini fights the Allies in **North Africa**
   3. **HIDEKI TOJO – JAPAN**
      1. **Japan was running out of resources** during the Great Depression on their island. They blamed the countries leaders.
      2. Hideki Tojo, a military leader, rose to the occasion and took control of Japan as Prime Minister. **Said they needed to expand to Southeast Asia to gain resources for the future of Japan.**
      3. They **invaded SE Asia and China** and secured much **oil resources**.
      4. **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had a oil trade agreement with Japan, USA gave Japan oil.**
         1. **Roosevelt stopped the trade with Japan after they invaded SE Asia and China**
         2. **As a result, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 1941**
   4. **Japan, Germany, and Italy – Known as the Axis Powers, Britain, France, USA, & Russia – Known as the Allies**
   5. **During the war, countries rationed food, stamps, sugar, coffee, butter, gasoline rubber and metal objects**
      1. All of this was put forth toward the war effort.
      2. USA did not produce any automobiles during WWII
      3. Speed limits were lowered to 35 MPH to save gas.
2. **Famous People in Oklahoma in World War II**
   1. 500,000 Oklahomans served in WWII, **Patrick J. Hurley served as Secretary of War for Herbert Hoover**. Became **Major General during the war under President Roosevelt.**
      1. **Major General Clarence L. Tinker**
         1. Commanded the Air Corps in Hawaii, **killed at the Battle of Midway**
      2. **Lieutenant General Ray S. McLain**
         1. Commanded the 45th Infantry in the invasion of Sicily, and 13th Division in Normandy
         2. **He was the only man in the US Army to go from civilian to Lieutenant General.**
      3. **Bill Mauldin**
         1. **Cartoon creator of Willie and Joe**, these 2 cartoon characters represented infantrymen in war.
      4. **George Tapscott**
         1. **He would photograph Mauldin while he made his cartoons**
         2. **He was so skilled at photography, that he became the 45th Infantry photographer during the war.**
         3. He took pictures of the 45th Infantry Thunderbirds taking over and freeing the Jews from a Concentration camp.
         4. His photos were sent to Germans, and many of them were disappointed in what they saw and ashamed to be German.
      5. **Clarence E. Coggins**
         1. Single handedly captured 946 Germans in France, he was a part of the Thunderbirds 45th Infantry.
      6. **Charles Chibitty**
         1. Apart of the 45th Infantry Thunderbirds and a Comanche “code talker” receiving many awards.
3. **45th Infantry Thunderbirds**
   1. Original patch logo looked **like a gold swastika (Nazi Symbol) so they changed it to a Thunderbird.**
      1. The Thunderbird is a good luck sign to the Indians.
      2. Germans called it a Falcon
   2. **The 45th Infantry was responsible for invaded Hitler’s own personal apartment.**
   3. **The 45th Infantry had special codes that the Germans could not break.**
      1. **These people making the codes were called, “code talkers”**
      2. **The Germans could not break the codes because they were in Native American language.**
   4. The 45th Infantry was the only regiment to never lose an inch of ground in battle
4. **World War II in Oklahoma**
   1. **Women**
      1. Women were excluded in the draft, but worked in technical and nurse positions in the military
      2. Women at home were also working in factories
         1. Their symbol was “Rosie the Riveter” roll up your sleeves ladies and get your hands dirty.
         2. Worked at Douglas Aircraft bomber plants in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.
   2. **Military Bases and Installations – 28 Army Camps and 13 Navy Bases**
      1. **Army Air Corps** located outside Oklahoma City at Tinker Air Force Base
         1. B-29 bombers were repaired at this military site
      2. **Camp Gruber** near Muskogee, Oklahoma
         1. Infantry would train and be activated for duty there.
      3. **North Base & South Base for Navy** in Norman, Oklahoma.
         1. Used OU’s Max Westheimer Field for operations of navy planes.
         2. Trained workers on planes for the Navy
         3. Trained some pilots as well
         4. **After the war Norman naval bases became the world’s only inland Navy base**
      4. **Miami Base** located in North Easter Oklahoma
         1. Trained pilots there, many from the Great Britain
   3. **Prisoners of War AKA POW’s**
      1. **Fort Reno** Located outside of El Reno
         1. **This was the first place where POW’s were sent when captured for Oklahoma.**
      2. **Geneva Convention**
         1. Gave rules about war, and for POW’s.
         2. Rules said that POW’s could be used for labor.
            1. POW’s in Oklahoma were used in Agricultural means (Farming)
   4. **Polio**
      1. Most contagious disease during WWII, most common around Veterans
      2. It caused permanent disabilities and sometimes paralysis
      3. It was a dreaded disease until 1955, Dr. Jonas Salk perfected a vaccine that cured it
         1. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was confided to a chair with this disease.
5. End of WWII & Oklahoma After War
   1. The Allied forces organized an invasion of **EUROPE called D-Day.** 
      1. This was where they would invade France, North Africa, and Italy.
   2. The allies with the **help of Russia** moving in from the West, **defeated the Axis Powers on May 8, 1945.**
   3. **The problem was, Japan was still fighting**
      1. America came up with a new weapon that no one had seen before **called the Atomic Bomb**
         1. **The Atomic Bomb was dropped on 2 cities in Japan Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**
         2. **This forced the Surrender of Japan on August 6, 1945**
   4. **Oklahomans Come Home**
      1. Oklahomans come home with benefits from the war.
         1. The USA gave **Veterans a G.I. Bill which gave money for college**
      2. When soldiers come home, farmers needed fewer workers.
         1. Most **farmers left their farms and moved to the cities**
      3. **Wounded soldiers also received disability money from the USA government.**
      4. **When soldiers return from war, they want to travel.**
         1. Automobiles were made faster than ever, companies could not keep up with the demand
         2. **Highways had to be made, motels started popping up outside of cities.**
   5. **African Americans & Higher Education**
      1. Segregation kept whites and blacks separated in Oklahoma, this included colleges.
      2. **Ada Lois Sipuel from Langston University, applied for Oklahoma University,** 
         1. **OU denied her because of segregation laws.**
         2. **If they admitted her, OU officials would be in jail or fined because of laws made by Oklahomans first legislature in 1906.**
      3. **1948, USA Supreme Court ruled that African Americans must get the same Education as whites.**
      4. **George W. McLaurin applied for Oklahoma University**
         1. **He was allowed** to come to the University, but required **to sit in a separate area from whites**.
         2. He made a court case called, ***McLaurin vs. Oklahoma Board of Regents in the USA Supreme Court***
            1. **McLaurin won** saying that separating him violating his 14th amendment rights.
            2. This court case started desegregation of schools across the country
6. **Governor Robert S. Kerr**
   1. Founder of the Kerr McGee oil company.
   2. **He was the governor during most of the war years, he started in 1942**
   3. He got a vote for free textbooks for the public schools in Oklahoma
   4. **As governor, there was a surplus of money in the state treasury**.
   5. He was elected Senator in 1954 & 1960
      1. As a senator, he authorized law to send a man to the moon for NASA.
      2. **Robert S. Kerr was the first former Governor of Oklahoma to be elected to the Senate.**
      3. **The Saturday Evening Post said, “He is the uncrowned King of the Senate”**
7. **Governor Roy J. Turner**
   1. **Elected in 1946** right after the war.
   2. Turner pushed to expand the states recreational facilities & broader use our natural resources
   3. **Biggest thing he did was expand Oklahoma Highway System**
      1. **Created Turner Turnpike**
         1. This was to go from Oklahoma City to Tulsa, and you had to pay money to use it.
         2. **The Construction of Turner Turnpike created jobs for Oklahomans.**
   4. Wages were at an all-time high when Turner was Governor.
8. **Oklahoma University Dorm Fire**
   1. 1949 a dorm fire killed 3 student at the University of Oklahoma,
   2. Many escaped with their G.I. Bills in their hand hoping to continue their education.