

United States' Isolation in WWII

After World War I, many people in United States were isolationists. This meant that they didn't want to become involved in the problems of the world. When Nazi Germany invaded the country of Poland in 1939, Great Britain and France declared war on Germany. The United States however, remained neutral. Americans were reluctant to fall into another war in Europe. Many people especially those in Great Britain became angry at the United States. When Germany started openly attacking Great Britain and France, both of those countries turned to the United States for help. The U.S. gave them money and weapons but wouldn't commit any troops. This cartoon was made in 1940s by Dr. Seuss before he was an author of children's books. He was from England and was criticizing the United States for not coming to the aid of its allies. It was only much later after the war, that Dr. Seuss became more famous for his children's books than his political cartoons.



1. What do you see in this political cartoon? List the many items you see. _____

2. Based on the reading, how did the United States first act during WWII? _____

3. How do you think Dr. Seuss felt about the United States? _____

4. Who does the bird represent in this picture?

5. What is the U.S. doing in this picture?

6. According to the reading, which two countries came to the immediate aide of Poland? _____
