

“America on the Sideline: The United States and World Affairs, 1931-1941”

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Overall Focus Question: Why/how did the US move away from neutrality and isolationism during WWII?

PART 2 –The Theater, Asia

Japan Invades Manchuria, September 1931

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Japan Invades Jehol Province, December 1932

US Course of Action: _____

Japan Renounces Naval Treaty Restrictions, December 1934

US Course of Action: _____

Promotes “Autonomy Movement” In North China, November 1935

US Course of Action: _____

Japan Signs Anti-Comintern Pact, November 1936

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

War Breaks Out Between Japan and China, July 1937

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

***Panay* Incident, December 1937**

US Course of Action: _____

Japanese Offensives in China, May 1938

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Japanese Offensive in Southern China, October 1938

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Fighting Between Japanese and Soviet Forces, July 1939

US Course of Action: _____

Closing of the Burma Road, July 1940

US Course of Action: _____

Japan Occupies Northern Indochina, September 1940

US Course of Action: _____

Japan Occupies Southern Indochina, July 1941

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Japan Proposes East Asia Settlement, September 1941

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Japan Proposes "Modus Vivendi," November 1941

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

Attack on Pearl Harbor, December 1941

US Course of Action: _____

Correct Answer Explanation:

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor effectively ended any debate about foreign policy in the United States. Everyone agreed that there was little choice but to fight Japan and its Axis partners to the bitter end. Bitter it would be, and by the time the fighting was over in August 1945 more than 400,000 Americans had lost their lives.