

**GEORGIA: ITS HERITAGE AND ITS PROMISE**  
**STUDENT WORKBOOK**  
**ANSWERS**

**CHAPTER 23: GEORGIA AND WORLD WAR II**

**Key Events Leading to U.S. Entry Into World War II, page 114**

**Emergence of military dictators:** The dictators threatened peace around the world.

**The Treatment of Germany:** Germany was treated very harshly after World War I. This was a blow to their national morale, and the reparations they had to pay ruined their economy.

**Japanese expansion in Asia:** Beginning with their takeover of Manchuria (part of China), Japan invaded many parts of Asia (key Chinese cities, Indochina). Could territories of the U.S. be next?

**U.S. dependence on global trade:** Our economy needed outside markets to purchase the goods we produced.

**The 1939 German invasion of Poland:** European countries were our friends and allies and trading partners. They were also the ancestral homes of many Americans. A German takeover of more and more European countries would create a new order in the world that would be very unfavorable to us.

**The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor:** The surprise attack on our own territory finally propelled us into war.

**Debating U.S. Involvement in World War II, page 115**

Reasons will vary. A partial list follows:

**Pro:**

Our economy needs friendly foreign markets to thrive.

If Germany wins, our economy will be harmed.

**Con:**

We should limit our involvement with other nations and focus on our own issues.

The peace movement is strong, and it tells us to mind our own business.

Our involvement in World War I was a mistake, so let's not make another one.

We should only go to war in self-defense.

**World War II Impacts Georgia, page 116**

Answers will vary.

**The Holocaust, page 117**

1. in general, a thorough destruction involving extensive loss of life; in particular, the mass slaughter of European civilians, especially Jews, by the Nazis during World War II.
2. the disabled, Roma Gypsies, some Poles, homosexuals
3. The "final solution" to the "Jewish problem" was the extermination of all of them in gas chambers in the concentration camps.
4. the deliberate killing of a particular group of people
5. Georgia has a Jewish community that dates to its founding in 1733. Atlanta was and is a center of Jewish culture, not only for Georgia but the entire Southeast. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Jews there had started organizations to provide social services to Jews in need, especially new immigrants, and later to Jews overseas. They also focused on fighting anti-Semitism at home.

Discussion Questions: Answers will vary.

### **Vocabulary Scramble, page 118**

1. dictators
2. Versailles
3. raw materials
4. Fascism
5. blitzkrieg
6. neutrality
7. lend-lease
8. Hitler, Mussolini
9. Pearl Harbor
10. Holocaust
11. genocide