



**CALIFORNIA CONTENT  
STANDARD 10.8.4**

## *Leaders in World War II*

**Specific Objective:** Describe the political, diplomatic, and military leaders during the war (e.g., Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Emperor Hirohito, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Joseph Stalin, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower).

Read the chart to answer questions on the next page.

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Leader	Role	Alliance	Actions in World War II	After the War
Winston Churchill	Prime Minister of Great Britain	Allies	Was among the first to speak out against the Nazis; led Britain and the Allies in the struggle against the Nazis	Was reelected prime minister in 1951
F. D. Roosevelt	President of the United States	Allies	Ordered U.S. entry into the war and the internment of 110,000 Japanese-Americans	Died just before the war ended in 1945
Emperor Hirohito	Emperor of Japan	Axis	Served mainly as a figure-head for various military leaders	Was emperor until his death in 1989
Adolf Hitler	Dictator of Germany	Axis	Started the war by invading Poland in 1939; invaded lands in all directions in 1940–1941; led the Nazi party, which killed 11 million	Committed suicide in 1945
Benito Mussolini	Dictator of Italy	Axis	Formed an alliance with Germany; suffered military defeats and was overthrown by the Italian king in 1943	Killed by Italian insurgents in 1945
Joseph Stalin	Dictator of the Soviet Union	Allies	Cooperated with Germany until Germany violated the Hitler-Stalin pact by invading the Soviet Union in 1941, then joined the Allies	Was dictator until his death in 1953
Douglas MacArthur	U.S. Army General	Allies	Commanded Allied forces in the Pacific	Led U.S. troops in the Korean War
Dwight Eisenhower	U.S. Army General	Allies	Commanded Allied forces in Europe; led the D-Day invasion of mainland Europe; helped unite Allied troops	Elected U.S. president in 1952



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Directions: Choose the letter of the *best* answer.

Use the cartoon to answer questions 1–3.



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**1 The cartoon depicts what World War II event or issue?**

- A Soviet trust in Nazi Germany
- B Germany's war on communism
- C Nazi imprisonment of Russian soldiers
- D the German invasion of the Soviet Union

**2 The cartoon depicts Russia and Germany by what symbols?**

- A two figures in national uniforms
- B recognizable caricatures of Stalin and Hitler
- C oil wells behind Stalin and airplanes behind Hitler
- D the stereotypes of foolish and wicked faces

**3 Hitler is shown simultaneously hugging and stabbing Stalin, causing Stalin to drop what document?**

- A the Soviet plan of attack
- B the Communist Manifesto
- C the Munich Agreement
- D the Hitler-Stalin Pact

**4 Whose stance against Hitler was *most* significant in mobilizing the Allied powers?**

- A Winston Churchill
- B Dwight D. Eisenhower
- C Douglas MacArthur
- D Franklin D. Roosevelt