

CH. 20C Recap – Comparing World War I and World War II (TEACHER KEY)

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<p>COMPARISON STATEMENT</p> <p><i>While similar underlying tensions of international competition and militarism remained, damaging global conditions and the rise of aggressive authoritarian nations gave rise to a second world war by 1939.</i></p>		
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<p>COMPARISON STATEMENT</p> <p><i>Advancing technology and increasing centralization of political power caused World War II to be far more destructive to nations as a whole, ushering a new era of military warfare that impacted all aspects of civilizations.</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War needs created opportunities and responsibilities for women in male dominated labor jobs (Suffrage achieved in aftermath) • Much of European power remained with most colonial claims in tact • League of Nations created, but too weak to enforce international peace-keeping goals 	<p style="text-align: center;">OUTCOME OF WAR Role of Women, Global Power, and International Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar home front labor shortages filled by women, but shifting course of war to urban areas created new dangers • European power shattered and in fact surpassed by the United States (western European support) and the Soviet Union (eastern European control) • Colonial independence movements more successful given European weakness • United Nations is formed (with U.S. involvement) to better promote global unity and peace-keeping in the years following 	
<p>COMPARISON STATEMENT</p> <p><i>Much like in World War I, the second world war continued to create new opportunities for and impediments to advancement, but World War II permanently altered the global struggle for power and makeup of international politics</i></p>		

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Directions: record notes to compare the causes, course and outcome of the two world wars of the first half of the 20th century. After summarizing comparative points, draft an analytical comparison statement that notes the overall similarities and differences for each comparative point.

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