Chapter 21, Section 3 Notes

* World War II = Allies and Axis powers.
* The war was fought on two fronts: Europe and Pacific
* US commanders in the Pacific carried out a plan called island hopping-attacking certain key islands, jumping forward and moving closer and closer to Japan.
* British forces defeated Germany in Egypt.
* Allied troops took Italy’s mainland.
* Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin divided up Germany after defeating Hitler.
* The Nazis killed 6 million Jews. This is known as the Holocaust
* In November 1938, the Nazis crashed Jewish shop windows and destroyed synagogues- this was called the “night of shattered glass”.
* 1942, German leaders agreed on the “final solution” the rounding up of millions of Jews and thousands of other innocent people and transported them to death camps, such as Auschwitz in Poland.
* June 6, 1944, D-Day, invasion day—ships carried troops and equipment across the English Channel to the French province of Normandy to attack the Germans.
* 1944, Soviets drove the Germans from Russia and back across Poland.
* April 30th, 1945-Hitler committed suicide
* April 1945, Roosevelt died and Harry S. Truman became president.
* Truman threatened “prompt and utter destruction” if they didn’t surrender unconditionally…Japan failed to reply.
* Truman ordered the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing hundreds of thousands of people.
* The allies started an organization to keep peace in 1945. Representatives from 50 countries formed the United Nations (UN).