

## SOCIAL STUDIES 11

### UNIT 1 – CANADA IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

#### CHAPTER 5 – CANADA AND WORLD WAR II

##### INTRODUCTION:

1. Which British monarch is identified as announcing World War II to Canadians?

##### CANADA DECLARES WAR:

2. Who announced in 1938 that he secured “peace for our time”? What agreement had he made with Hitler?
3. What did Hitler do in March of 1919?
4. Which Canadian Prime Minister did not want to become involved in another world conflict? What did he hope would work?
5. See Figure 5.1. What was unique about King George VI and Queen Elizabeth’s visit in May of 1939?
6. From page 102, identify what is associated with the following dates:
  - September 10, 1939
  - May-June 1940
  - June 1940
  - 1940-1944
  - December 7, 1941
  - February 1942
  - August 1942
  - December 1943
  - June 6, 1944
  - May 7, 1945
  - August 6 and 9, 1945
7. List reasons why Prime Minister Mackenzie King was hesitant to get involved in war.
8. What was different for Canada in September of 1939 than in September of 1914?
9. What did King promise in response to the comments from his Minister of Justice, Ernest Lapointe?

##### Mobilizing Canada’s Resources:

10. Give indications of Canada’s lack of preparedness for World War II.
11. What was unique about the enlistment of Aboriginal peoples?
12. List reasons why other Canadians enlisted.

##### The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan:

13. Why was the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan attractive for Canada?  
How many were trained?

##### Total War:

14. What was C.D Howe given the responsibility of organizing? Provide evidence of his success.
15. From the poster in Figure 5-6, give evidence of commitment to the war effort.

##### THE WAR IN EUROPE:

16. Who were the *Allies*?
17. Who composed the *Axis* powers?
18. What was the “*phoney war*”?
19. In your own words describe the “*blitzkrieg*” indicating why it was known as “*lightening war*”.

##### Evacuation at Dunkirk:

20. What resulted from the speed of Germany’s invasion of the Netherlands and France?
21. Explain why some military historians refer to the event at Dunkirk as the “**Miracle of Dunkirk**”?
22. What happened June 22, 1940?

##### The Battle of Britain:

23. What was “*Operation Sea Lion*”? What did Hitler want to do first?
24. Describe the Battle of Britain mentioning the *Luftwaffe* and the *Blitz*.

25. Why were the Germans unable to defeat the British air force?

**THE WAR SPREADS:**

26. What was "*Operation Barbarossa*"? What defeated the Germans?

27. What do you think, from the text, that they were after besides the expansion of the German empire?

28. What effect did the German surrender of 1943 have on the Russians?