World War II Vocab Worksheet

Directions: Using the Word Bank, fill in the word that best completes the sentences. You may change the form of the word, so that it fits better into the sentence. (Example: change “ration” into “rationed”)

Word Bank: Fascism Radical Communism Hyperinflation

Reichstag Internationalism Appeasement Blitzkrieg Embargo

Hemispheric defense zone Strategic materials Front Disenfranchise

Convoy Periphery Defensive Offensive Ration

Bond Internment camp Amphtrac Kamikaze DUKW

Napalm Charter

1. Just minutes after ordering 12,000 cigars, President John F. Kennedy imposed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Cuba in 1962, due to Cuba’s communist ties to the Soviet Union.
2. Part of Germany’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strategy in World War II involved a massive attack on the Soviet Union, which was ultimately unsuccessful; too bad Hitler didn’t look at the weather report that year!
3. In the novel *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, the Pevensie children are evacuated to the British countryside, after the city of London becomes too dangerous during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attacks at night.
4. Since the physical geography of Vietnam is rugged and jungle-y, Americans used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to clear out portions of the jungle, so that they could be easily navigated by the soldiers in the 1960s and 1970s.
5. During the Iran-Contra Affair, President Reagan was criticized, because one of his cabinet members authorized the sale of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other weapons to Iran, a country that viewed the United States as an enemy.
6. Poll taxes, grandfather clauses, and literacy tests were all methods used to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ African Americans in the late 1800s.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be used to protect American trade ships that are traveling through pirate-infested waters.
8. My aunt still has a savings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she purchased for $25 back in 1942.
9. In their 1848 pamphlet *The Communist Manifesto*, Fredrich Engels and Karl Marx suggest that in order to overcome social class struggles, the proletariat (working class) must revolt against the bourgeoisie (factory owners) and establish socialism, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thought even today.
10. If Kim Jong Un of North Korea attempted to invade South Korea, President Obama would be well-advised not to pursue a policy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the North Korean leader.
11. At the start of World War II, President Roosevelt advocated for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not isolationism, by engaging in trade with Great Britain and France.
12. Due to her budget, Kim has decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out a candy bar into seven pieces, one piece for each day of the week.
13. One of the most embarrassing moments in American history was the 1942 decision to place Japanese Americans into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to monitor their activity.
14. A country that wants to adopt a defensive strategy in war should probably place their troops near the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of that nation.
15. One could compare the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attacks of World War II to the suicide bombers of the modern-day wars in the Middle East.
16. When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, they devised a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was based on a social contract.
17. After World War I, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ voted on important legislation for dealing with the economic problems in Germany.
18. Although the military did not purchase very many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during World War II, they were incredibly helpful in getting troops across Pacific waters that were full of coral reefs.
19. During the American Revolution, the colonists maintained their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ position by protecting their land against the British.
20. The targets of the Palmer Raids during the Red Scare were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sympathizers who threatened democracy in America.
21. My grandfather fought during World War II on the Pacific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so he was part of the Navy that invaded the Philippines under General MacArthur.
22. Printing excessive amounts of paper money leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because the value of that money becomes worthless.
23. One of my favorite things to do in the city of Austin is to go for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ride both around and in the local lakes.
24. It is ironic that Benito Mussolini pursued a non-aggression pact with Josef Stalin of the Soviet Union, because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the total opposite of communism.
25. The western half of the Atlantic Ocean was part of Roosevelt’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before the United States entered World War II.