

Between World Wars: FDR and the Age of Isolationism

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STUDENT READINGS

Part I: After the Great War (1918-1935)

Selected Key Events	Selected Key People	Selected Key Terms
Treaty of Versailles Washington Naval Conference, 1921-1922 Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1929 Great Depression	Woodrow Wilson Herbert Hoover Adolf Hitler	Japanese militarism fascism, socialism liberal democracy New Deal

Part II: Isolationism and Franklin Roosevelt (1935-1941)

Neutrality Acts Japanese steps into war Germany steps into war	Charles Lindbergh Senator Gerald P. Nye Benito Mussolini America First Committee	isolationism interventionists Lend-Lease Bill, 1941
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Part III: Legacies of FDR and Isolationism (1940-1994)

Revision of Neutrality Acts U.S. entrance into WWII Cold War		Atlantic Charter Marshall Plan NATO
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CONCEPTUALIZING FOREIGN POLICY DEBATES

This unit provides a conceptual framework for thinking about long-standing trends in U.S. foreign policy. By overviewing three critical periods leading up to World War II, the text provides historical context for U.S. foreign policy and examples of how concerns about security, domestic needs, and stakeholders' interests have been balanced over time. Students learn nuanced definitions of isolationism, interventionism, multinational corporations, and unilateralism. This framework appears again in other units.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LESSONS

A short description of each lesson can be found on the unit webpage [here](#).

Students will:

Inquire about the connection between domestic and international events.

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of primary sources such as poetry, photographs, and transcripts of presidential addresses for understanding the effects of the Great Depression.

Analyze graphs of economic trends.

Annotate maps to understand the political geography of the era.

Use primary sources to organize an argument for what actions the United States should take in 1941.

Debate the U.S. government's international role today and the amount of power that the U.S. president should have.

LINKS FOR FURTHER CURRICULUM EVALUATION

Print Format - This unit [preview](#) includes the table of contents, a reading excerpt, and a sample lesson plan.

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