

## **AMERICA: PATHWAYS TO THE PRESENT**

### **CHAPTER 18: WORLD WAR II: AMERICANS AT WAR—1941-1945**

#### **Summary**

"The peace, freedom, and security of 90 percent of the world is being jeopardized by the remaining ten percent..." said President Roosevelt about the war raging in Europe. Many Americans, opposed to intervention, were convinced only after the attack on Pearl Harbor that the United States should be involved in the war. With the American entry into World War II, there was no longer any question about the role of the United States in world affairs.

#### **Section 1: Mobilization**

The United States quickly mobilized millions of Americans to fight the Axis powers. The government organized the economy to supply the military.

#### **Section 2: Retaking Europe**

To secure victory in Europe, the Allies waged war in the Atlantic Ocean, North Africa, the Soviet Union, and Western Europe between 1941 and 1945.

#### **Section 3: The Holocaust**

During World War II, the Nazis carried out a brutal plan that resulted in the deaths of six million Jews and millions of other victims.

#### **Section 4: The War in the Pacific**

Fierce fighting and heavy casualties characterized the war in the Pacific Ocean as the Allied forces struggled to turn back Japanese advances.

#### **Section 5: The Social Impact of the War**

While the war brought new opportunities for women and for some racial and ethnic minorities, Japanese Americans were the victims of widespread intolerance.