- I. Fighting World War II (WWII)
  - A. Prewar trends in U.S. foreign policy
    - 1. Recognition of Soviet Union
    - 2. Good Neighbor Policy toward Latin America
  - B. The road to war
    - 1. Japanese invasions of Manchuria, China
    - 2. Adolf Hitler's Germany
      - a. Nazism
      - b. Rearmament
      - c. Annexation of Austria, Czechoslovakia
      - d. Persecution of Jews
      - e. Policy of appeasement toward
        - i. Adoption by Britain, France, United States
        - ii. Munich conference; "peace in our time"
    - 3. Benito Mussolini's Italy
      - a. Fascism
      - b. Invasion of Ethiopia
    - 4. Francisco Franco's Spain
      - a. Spanish Civil War
      - b. Overthrow of democracy; establishment of fascist regime
      - c. Support from Hitler
  - C. American isolationism; reluctance to confront overseas aggression
    - 1. Sources
      - a. Pro-Nazi sentiment
      - b. Business ties to Japan, Germany
      - c. Memory of World War I
      - d. Pacifism
      - e. Ethnic allegiances
    - 2. Manifestations
      - a. Neutrality Acts
      - b. Even-handed arms embargo on Spanish belligerents
  - D. War in Europe—outbreak of WWII
    - 1. Hitler-Stalin non-aggression pact
    - 2. German invasion of Poland
    - 3. British and French declarations of war on Germany
    - 4. German conquests across Europe, North Africa
    - 5. Formation of German-Italian-Japanese Axis
    - 6. Battle of Britain
  - E. America's shifting response
    - 1. Persisting popular ambivalence
    - 2. Steps toward involvement
      - a. Arms sale to Britain
      - b. Military rearmament
    - 3. Reelection of Franklin Roosevelt (FDR)
      - a. Unprecedented quest for third term
      - b. Victory over Wendell Willkie
    - 4. Toward intervention
      - a. America as "arsenal of democracy"
      - b. Lend Lease Act
      - c. Interventionist mobilization efforts
  - F. Pearl Harbor; U.S. entry into war

- G. War in the Pacific
  - 1. Early setbacks for Allies
    - a. Japanese conquests
    - b. Bataan "death march"
  - 2. Turning of the tide
    - a. Battles of Coral Sea, Midway
    - b. Island campaigns
- H. War in Europe
  - 1. Allied advances
    - a. North Africa
    - b. The Atlantic
    - c. Italy
    - d. D-Day
  - 2. Eastern front
    - a. German invasion of Russia
    - b. Siege of Stalingrad
    - c. German surrender
    - d. Magnitude of bloodshed
  - 3. The Holocaust
- II. Home front
  - A. Government mobilization of economy
    - 1. Wartime federal agencies
    - 2. Areas of impact
      - a. Allocation of labor
      - b. Types and labels of production
      - c. Wages, prices, rents
      - d. Public revenue
      - e. Employment rate
  - B. Business and the war
    - 1. New relationship with government
      - a. Prominence of business leaders in federal bureaucracy
      - b. Federal funding for large corporations
    - 2. Achievements of wartime manufacturing
      - a. Scale of production
      - b. Scientific advances
      - c. Restoration of public esteem for business
    - 3. Geography of manufacturing boom
      - a. Revival of old industrial centers
      - b. Emergence of new industrial centers
        - i. West
        - ii. South
      - c. Centrality of military-related production
  - C. Organized labor in wartime
    - 1. Government-business-labor collaboration
      - a. Terms and impact
        - i. Surge in union membership
        - ii. Spread of union recognition
        - iii. No-strike pledge
        - iv. Acceptance of employer "prerogatives," "fair profit"
      - b. Junior position of labor
    - 2. Rolling back of New Deal programs
    - 3. Rise of labor walkouts
  - D. Fighting for the Four Freedoms
    - 1. "Freedom" as ideological focus of wartime mobilization
    - 2. Content and implications

- a. Freedoms of speech and religion
- b. Freedoms from fear and want
- 3. Points of controversy
  - a. "Freedom from want"
  - b. Office of War Information (OWI)
    - i. New Deal liberalism of
    - ii. Conservative curtailment of
- 4. Freedom as "free enterprise," material consumption (the "fifth freedom")
- E. Women at war
  - 1. Entry into traditionally "male" jobs
    - a. Industry
    - b. Other professions
  - 2. "Rosie the Riveter"
  - 3. Steps toward workplace equality, entitlements
  - 4. Experience of wartime labor; "taste of freedom"
  - 5. Postwar reversals
- III. Visions of postwar freedom
  - A. Alternative outlooks
    - 1. Conservative: Henry Luce's American Century
      - a. Free enterprise, material abundance
      - b. America as world's dominant power
    - 2. New Deal liberal: Henry Wallace's "Price of Free World Victory"
      - a. "Century of the common man"
      - b. International cooperation
      - c. Global New Deal
    - 3. Shared conception of America as world model
  - B. The economic bill of rights
    - 1. National Resources Planning Board (NRPB); wartime blueprints
      - a. Goals and principles
        - i. Economic security, full employment
        - ii. Expanded welfare state
        - iii. Mass consumption
        - iv. Keynesian emphasis on government spending
      - b. Strongholds of support
      - c. Congressional opposition
    - 2. FDR's Economic Bill of Rights
      - a. Goals and principles
      - b. Failure to pass in Congress
    - 3. Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill of Rights)
      - a. Provisions
      - b. Impact and significance
    - 4. Full Employment Bill
      - a. Goals and principles
      - b. Passage of watered-down version
  - C. Renewal of economic conservatism: Friedrich A. Hayek's *The Road to Serfdom* 
    - 1. Themes
      - a. Economic planning as threat to liberty
      - b. Superior effectiveness of free market
      - Critiques of absolute laissez-faire dogma, social hierarchy, authoritarianism
    - 2. Basis for modern conservatism
- IV. The American dilemma—race and ethnicity
  - A. Discrediting of ethnic and racial inequality, intolerance
  - B. Broad assimilation of ethnic outsiders
    - 1. Diversity of army, industrial work force

- 2. Shift from forced Americanization (WWI) to patriotic assimilation (WWII)
- C. Promotion of pluralism, group equality
  - 1. Government
    - a. FDR
    - b. OWI; other government agencies
  - 2. Scholars
    - a. Ruth Benedict's Races and Racism
    - b. Ashley Montagu's Man's Most Dangerous Myth: The Fallacy of Race
  - 3. Hollywood
- D. Ongoing barriers to assimilation
  - 1. Anti-Semitism
  - 2. Racism
- E. Mexican-Americans
  - 1. Bracero program
    - a. Purposes
    - b. Promise and reality
  - 2. New employment opportunities
  - 3. Emergence of Chicano culture
  - 4. Intolerance and discrimination
    - a. Zoot Suit riots
    - b. Discrimination
  - 5. Mexican-American response
    - a. Heightened civil rights consciousness
    - b. Challenges to workplace discrimination
- F. American Indians during the war
  - 1. Participation in military, war industry
  - 2. Exposure to urban life
  - 3. Marginality of reservations
- G. Asian Americans in wartime
  - 1. Chinese-Americans
    - a. Easing of traditional stereotypes
    - b. Participation in military, war industry
  - 2. Japanese-Americans
    - a. Dehumanizing portrayals
    - b. Internment policy
      - i. FDR's Executive Order 9066
      - ii. Expulsion to internment camps
      - iii. Negation of civil liberties
      - iv. Dearth of public protest
      - v. Supreme Court affirmation: Korematsu v. United States
      - vi. Japanese-American response
      - vii. Eventual apology
- H. Blacks and the war
  - 1. On the home front
    - a. Accelerated migration to industrial heartland
    - b. Hostile reception; Detroit race riot, "hate strike"
    - c. Persistence of lynching
  - 2. Blacks in military service
    - a. Scale of service
    - b. Racial practices
      - i. Discrimination
      - ii. Abuse
  - 3. Birth of civil rights movement
    - a. March on Washington initiative
      - i. A. Philip Randolph

- ii. Demands
- iii. FDR's Executive Order 8802; establishment of Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC)
- b. Performance and impact of FEPC
- c. Growth of NAACP
- d. Congress of Racial Equality sit-ins
- e. Organized labor
- f. "Double-V" campaign
- I. Broadening opposition to racial inequality
  - 1. Black-Jewish collaboration
  - 2. Organized labor; CIO
  - 3. Growing dilemma for white southern moderates
  - 4. In government
    - a. Federal agencies
    - b. Supreme Court
    - c. Armed forces
  - 5. Landmark publications
    - a. What the Negro Wants
    - b. Wendell Willkie's One World
    - c. Gunnar Myrdal's An American Dilemma
- V. The end of the war
  - A. Winding down of war
    - 1. In Europe
      - a. Battle of the Bulge
      - b. Allied invasion of Germany
      - c. Fall of Hitler; V-E Day
    - 2. In the Pacific: advance of U.S. forces toward Japan
  - B. Changing of guard in Washington
    - 1. Replacement of Wallace by Harry S. Truman as FDR's running mate
    - 2. FDR reelection victory over Thomas E. Dewey
    - 3. Death of FDR; Truman succession to presidency
  - C. The atomic bomb—"The most terrible weapon"
    - 1. Development
      - a. Albert Einstein's theory of relativity
      - b. Manhattan Project
      - c. Testing in New Mexico
    - 2. Use on Hiroshima, Nagasaki
      - a. Devastating impact
        - i. Immediate
        - ii. Long-term
      - b. Surrender of Japan
    - 3. Lasting controversy over use
      - a. Justifications
      - b. Criticism
    - 4. Context for decision to use
      - a. WWII practice of targeting civilian populations
      - b. Dehumanization of Japanese in wartime propaganda
  - D. Planning the post-war world
    - 1. Summit meetings at Tehran, Yalta, Potsdam
    - 2. Emerging points of tension among Allies
      - a. Timing of Allied invasion of France
      - b. Soviet intentions in eastern Europe
      - Prospects for dissolution of British empire
  - E. New economic order: Bretton Woods conference
    - 1. Initiatives

- a. Eclipse of British pound by dollar in global trade
- b. Linking of dollar's value to price of gold
- c. Creation of World Bank, International Monetary Fund
- 2. Significance for postwar capitalist economic system
  - a. Trend toward removal of barriers to free trade
  - b. Recognition of United States as world's financial leader
- F. The United Nations (UN)
  - 1. Founding
    - a. Planning conference at Dumbarton Oaks
    - b. Adoption of United Nations Charter at San Francisco
    - c. Endorsement of United Nations Charter by U.S. Senate
  - 2. Structure and mission