**World War II Background Homework Reading and Questions**

Directions: This homework is due on Thursday 2/14 for A-Day and Friday 2/15 for B-Day. Upload your answers to your homework folder before class starts. You need to use our new textbook *America: A Narrative History* to answer these questions. You may answer however you wish (short-sentences or bullet points are both OK). You do not have to write a lot. The important thing is to show me you did the reading and understood it!

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS YOU READ THE ASSIGNED PAGES:

1. Read the overall introduction to this chapter on pages 1151-1152. This is a great overview of the major themes of this chapter! After you read pages 1151-1152 Introduction (stop at The Rise of Fascism in Europe) answer this question: WHY IS WORLD WAR II such a significant TURNING POINT in USA and WORLD History?
2. Read page 1152 "The Rise of Fascism" and answer this question: In the 1920s what are the 3 major "political/economic" systems spreading around the world and where?
3. Read page 1153-1154 "Italy and Germany" and answer this question: Briefly describe what these pages say about fascism in Italy and Germany at this time?
4. Read page 1154-1155 "The Expanding Axis" and answer this question: How do fascist governments begin to expand their power and territories in the 1930s?
5. Read page 1155-1156 "From Isolationism to Intervention" and answer this question: In the 1930s how do the majority of Americans feel about getting involved in Europe and Asia at this time?
6. Read page 1157-1158"The Axis Alliance, Anschluss, and The Munich Pact" Stop reading on page 1158 before "The Conquest of Poland" and answer these questions:
7. What was The Axis Alliance?
8. What was Anscluss?
9. What was the Munich Pact and what were its consequences?