Period/Unit 7.7

*1900 to Present – Causes of World War II*

**Topic 7.7 – Conducting World War II**

THEMATIC FOCUS: **Governance** (GOV) *A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.*

G. Explain similarities and differences in how governments used a variety of methods to conduct war.

* World War II was a total war. Governments used a variety of strategies, including political propaganda, art, media, and intensified forms of nationalism, to mobilize populations (both in the home countries and the colonies or former colonies) for the purpose of waging war. Governments used ideologies, including fascism and communism to mobilize all of their state’s resources for war and, in the case of totalitarian states, to repress basic freedoms and dominate many aspects of daily life during the course of the conflicts and beyond.

*Note: This is a LOT of information! It is up to you to decide how you want to organize it. Please watch the video on my website for some suggestions and better details. One way or another, annotate!*

* New military technology and new tactics, including the atomic bomb, fire-bombing, and the waging of “total war” led to increased levels of wartime casualties.