**Chapter 25**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**The Onset of World War II**

* Why were the American people, as a whole, reluctant to become involved in World War II?
* How did Roosevelt use the economic power of the United States to aid Britain and the Soviet Union?

**The Home Front**

* How did the conversion to a war economy end the Great Depression? Who benefitted most? What groups still struggled?
* What were the most important social consequences of America's involvement in World War II?

**Victory**

* How did the Allies achieve victory? What tensions among the Allies emerged in the final years of the war?
* What led to the decision to drop atomic bombs on Japan? In your opinion, was it a purely military decision, or were non-military considerations important as well?

**Looking Backward, Looking Ahead**

* How did America's experience of World War I shape public opinion in 1939 and 1940 about American involvement in World War II?
* How did World War II help set the stage for the social, economic, and political developments of the 1950s?