Chapter 1 - Southeast Asia: Past and Present
1.3 How did the Second World War Affect Southeast Asia?

Read the article below and then answer the following questions.

It was the bloodiest, deadliest war the world had ever seen. More than 38 million people died, many of them innocent civilians. It also was the most destructive war in history. Fighting raged in many parts of the world. More than 50 nations took part in the war, which changed the world forever.

For Americans, World War II had a clear-cut purpose. People knew why they were fighting: to defeat tyranny. Most of Europe had been conquered by Nazi Germany, which was under the iron grip of Dictator Adolf Hitler. Wherever the Nazis went, they waged a campaign of terror, mainly against Jews, but also against other minorities.

In Asia and the Pacific, Japanese armies invaded country after country, island after island. On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The next day, the U.S. Congress declared war, taking the U.S. into



1. The Second World War was a war fought between the Axis and Allies powers. Write down the name of the members in the table below: [7 marks]

Axis powers	Allies powers
1._____	1._____
2._____	2._____
3._____	3._____
	4._____

2. Write the three influential leaders in the Axis power. [3 marks]

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3. What cause the outbreak of Second World War in Europe? [2 marks]

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