

The USCIS 96: Questions 42-43

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Question 42: Name some countries that were our enemies during World War II.

Answer 42: Germany, Italy, and Japan

The United States officially went to war on December 8, 1941. President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the military, obtained an official declaration of war from Congress.



Nazi Germany Flag



Fascist Italy Flag



Imperial Japan Flag

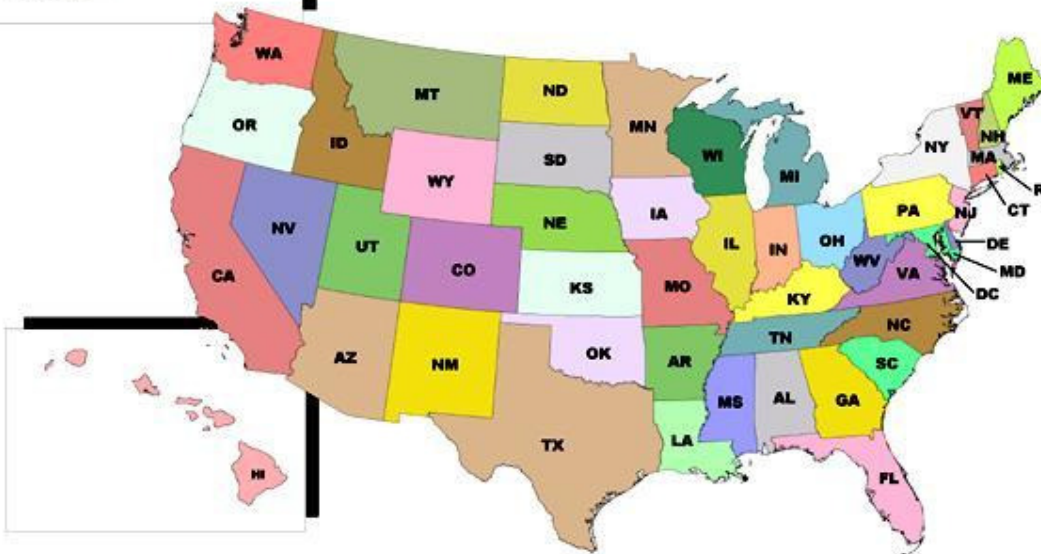
This was one day after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, an American naval base in Hawaii. Japan's partners in the Axis, Italy and Germany, then declared war on the United States, Great Britain, and their Allies. The Allies fought against the German Nazis, the Italian Fascists, and Japan's military empire. This was very difficult for the United States, which had to fight wars in both the Pacific region and Europe.

Question 43: What was the 49th state added to our Union (the United States)?

Answer 43: Alaska



In 1867, the U.S. government bought the land of Alaska from Russia, paying \$7,200,000. Secretary of State William Seward made the decision to buy Alaska. Ninety-two years later, in 1959, Alaska finally became a state. The people of Alaska now honor Seward for his commitment to their state. They celebrate Seward's Day every March.



See: EL Civics: World War II <http://www.elcivics.com/civics-test-world-war-two.html>
VOANews: North to Alaska: Call of the Wild Leads Visitors to the Last Frontier
<http://www.voanews.com/specialenglish/archive/2007-11/2007-11-11-voa2.cfm>