

Worksheet: Australia and World War II

Consolidation and analysis

The war was the hinge of Australian foreign policy: the Singapore strategy collapsed and Australia turned to the United States. This content underpins Task 2.

Q1. What was the "Singapore strategy" and why did it fail?

Q2. Explain the significance of Curtin's appeal to the United States in 1941–42.

Q3. Place these in order and name the leader responsible: Fall of Singapore; "looks to America" appeal; formation of the Liberal Party.

Q4. "World War II marked a decisive break in Australian foreign policy." To what extent do you agree? Support your answer with evidence. (Task 2 practice.)

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