During the late 30’s and early 40’s, WWII began in Europe and Asia. At no time during this stage, were Americans actively fighting in the war. However, the debate about whether or not to get involved was often a popular topic of discussion in the U.S.A.

DIRECTIONS: Read the following quotes/sentences. Decide if each provides support for *Isolationism*, or *Intervention* and state why.

*Isolationism*- Staying out of WWII.

*Intervention*- Joining with the Allies in WWII.

1. “Nazi aggression threatens the freedoms and rights of democratic nations everywhere!”

2. “The severe economic crisis of the Great Depression should focus the government’s attention on domestic affairs.”

3. “Look back at WWI, this war killed many Americans and solved nothing!”

4. “Big business profits from war by making huge fortunes by selling weapons.”

5. “Americans businesses can not make loans or sell goods to nations at war.”
6. “The U.S.A. will trade with warring nations as long as they can come get their supplies and pay cash.”

7. “Giving aid to the Allies automatically harms the Axis, therefore we are already at war.”

8. “Let us not focus on saving Great Britain when there are other real threats to the U.S.A. elsewhere.”

9. “The Germans are bombing innocent civilians in London, not just military targets!”

10. “Congress has passed the Selective Service Act- this will provide military training for 1.2 millions troops per year.”