## Star Wars: Episode IIIWorld War II Connections/Viewing Guide and Questions

## A. Characters and Locations

Obi-Wan Kenobi: Now a Jedi Master and member of the Jedi Council.

Anakin Skywalker: Now a Jedi Padawan who has become quite powerful. He's too eager and anxious.

Padme: Wife (secretly) of Anakin and no longer a Senator from Naboo.

Emperor Palpatine: Sole leader of the Galactic Republic.

Artoo-Detoo (R2-D2): A clever astromech droid who speaks only in electronic sounds.

See-Threepio (C-3PO): A tall, humanlike protocol droid who translates all kinds of languages, including the electronic speech of many droids.

Yoda: Small, green, and the most powerful Jedi in existence.

Mace Windu- Jedi Master and member of the Jedi Council. Most powerful Jedi, second to Yoda.

Darth Sidious: Sith Lord who remains unknown to the Jedi. Manipulates the separatists.

**Count Dooku-** Also known as Darth Tyranus, Dooku is Sidious' new apprentice and is working with various powers in leading a separatist movement to overthrow Senate control in the Galaxy.

**Darth Vader-** Is the Sith Lord and apprentice of Emperor Palpatine.

**General Grievous-** Another one of Sidous' stooges in the Separatist movement. More machine than man, Grievous has the infamous reputation as a Jedi killer.

Naboo: Home world of the Naboo people and Gungans.

Utapau- Lush planet with numerous sink holes. Grievous retreats here to hide.

**Kashyyyk-** Known as the "Wookiee home world," Kashhyyk is a lush planet where one of the last battles of the Clone Wars takes place.

**Coruscant:** Planet that is made up of one large city and the seat of the Galactic Senate.

<u>B. Critical Thinking</u> Having carefully watched the film, answer the following questions in the space provided.

	At the beginning of the film what do we see has consumed the Republic and much of the Galaxy? How does this compare to WWII?
2.	Both Hitler and Palpatine have used their power to involve their people in costly wars. Explain, once again, their justifications for war.
3.	Read the handout about the "brown shirts" or SA and their purging. Briefly detail how the "brown shirts" were used by Hitler to assist him in gaining power. Why did Hitler destroy the "brown shirts" and their leadership?
4.	Briefly detail how the Jedi were used by Palpatine to assist him in gaining power (over the last two films). Why did Palpatine destroy the Jedi and their leadership? **Think about what the Jedi and Separatists both possessed.
5.	As he expanded, Hitler united his territories into an empire he called the  Compare Palpatine's actions to Hitler's. What did such action do to democracy?
6.	Did some countries openly desire to join Hitler's and Palpatine's respective empires? Explain why this may have been the case.
7.	Consider the following events listed below and put them in order from first to last:
	a) Elected chancellor b) Democracy seems weak c) Economic crisis d) Launch invasions/attacks e) Given dictatorial powers f) Building an army

8. Did you find or think of any other connections related to WWII/Rise of Hitler and Star Wars?