

WRITING DEVELOPMENT

In her book, *The Writing Revolution* Judith Hochman tells us that students' problems with reading comprehension, as well with writing essays, occur because they have not been taught systematically to write ... to which her book gives a step-by-step guide.

The Writing Development exercises here are adapted from her programme.

The Impact of WWII – The Economy

13. Conjunctions VI – First, Next, After, Before, Later, Initially, At last, Also, In addition, Meanwhile, Simultaneously, Furthermore, Finally

The conjunctions of time and sequence – 'First', 'Next', 'After', 'Before', 'Later', 'Initially', 'At last', 'Also', 'In addition', 'Meanwhile', 'Simultaneously', 'Furthermore' – are really useful if you are wanting to make a narrative more interesting.

You will notice that I have not included the conjunction 'then'; if you do not want your essay to sound like Primary School, best limited, if not banned altogether!

1. Please find following the timeline of key moments in the USA's entering WWII. Using the time and sequence conjunctions above as appropriate, convert the table into a sequential narrative list, beginning:

- First, Congress passed the Export Control Act banning trade with Japan to hinder Japan's seizure of French Indo-China.
- Next, _____.
- _____.
- _____ [etc.]

Date	Event Summary
5 July 1940	To hinder Japan's seizure of French Indo-China, Congress passed the Export Control Act banning trade with Japan.
2 September 1940	As Nazi U-boats endangered Britain's supply-lines, President Roosevelt signed the 'Destroyers for Bases' agreement with Britain.
17 December 1940	Because Britain could not afford to pay for all the weapons it needed, President Roosevelt proposed the Lend-Lease agreement.
29 December 1940	FDR made his 'Arsenal of Democracy' promise to supply the democracies of the world with the weapons to protect themselves.
Feb 1941	Many US citizens to fight fascism, for instance the 'Eagle Squadrons' in Britain and 'Flying Tigers' in China.
April 1941	As the battle of the Atlantic intensified, the US extended the Pan-American Security Zone and in June 1941 occupation of Iceland as a base.
Sept 1941	A U-boat sank USS Greer, so Roosevelt ordered American warships to attack U-boats.
7 Dec 1941	The Japanese mounted a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor; the US entered the war.

2. Study the section of the webpage 'Economic Impact of the War'. Focussing on the dates, construct a 'Date / Event Summary' table (like the one above) of the SIX dates which best illustrate the economic impact of the war.

Using the time and sequence conjunctions above as appropriate, convert your table into a sequential narrative list, beginning:

- First, _____.
- _____.
- _____ [etc.]