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## Advanced Study Guide—Part I

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1. People often say, "Politics makes strange bedfellows." One could also say, "Wars make strange bedfellows." In what respects were the United States and the Soviet Union "strange bedfellows" during World War II?
2. Can you think of other wars in which the United States and its allies shared few values? Explain.
3. Why was the fate of Poland so important to both the United States and the Soviet Union? (Remember where and why World War II began.)
4. The primary objectives that shaped U.S. strategy during World War II were: 1) end the war as quickly as possible; 2) defeat Nazi Germany first; and 3) minimize American casualties. Explain which of these objectives conflicted with the Soviet demands for a second front and why.
5. What does the cartoon on page 5 of the reading suggest about the relations among the Big Three during the war?
6. Why is there no hint of the tensions among the Big Three in the cartoon?