After World War II, the United States was better able than its allies to adjust its economy from wartime to peacetime because the United States

a. possessed nuclear weapons  
b. raised tariffs on imports  
c. had collected its war debts from the Allies  
d. had suffered no widespread wartime destruction

**Answer**

d. had suffered no widespread wartime destruction

Most of World War II took place in Asia and in Europe. This meant that the United States suffered little destruction of its natural resources or homeland, while most of Europe, China, Japan, and the rest of Asia was shattered economically by war. This coupled with the high output of wartime production allowed the U.S. economy to soar in the following decades.