

ISLAND WAR



U.S. Marines under heavy fire from enemy Japanese positions during the Battle of Peleliu in 1944.

WEBQUEST *Directions: Using the internet, as well as the textbook and information from class discussions, fill in the blanks correctly.*

WORD BANK

Chester Nimitz	Island Hopping
Kamikaze	destroyed
B-29 Superfortress	offensive
MXV-7 Ohka	F4U Corsair
resistance	Douglas MacArthur
Saipan	surrender
Marianas Turkey Shoot	victory



The U.S. 1st Marine Division fighting just beyond White Beach, Peleliu in September 1944.

- 1. In the Pacific, after the Battle of Midway, the United States took the _____.**
- 2. The American victory at the Battle of Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, marked the beginning of an “_____” campaign for US forces. The goal of the campaign was to capture some Japanese-held islands while bypassing others. Each captured island would serve as a steppingstone to the next objective.**
- 3. American forces in the Pacific were commanded by General _____.**

- 4. By 1944, the US Navy, commanded by Admiral _____, was blockading Japan.**
- 5. Entering combat in the Pacific in 1943, the Vought _____ gave American naval aviators a distinct advantage against their Japanese opponents. Renowned for its speed, ruggedness, and firepower, this legendary plane excelled as both a fighter and an attack aircraft.**
- 6. On June 15, 1944, US Marines stormed the beaches of the strategically significant Japanese-held island of _____ in the Marianas Islands.**
- 7. The goal of American operations in the Marianas was to gain a crucial base from which American bombers, including the formidable new long-range Boeing _____, could be launched directly against Japan's home islands.**
- 8. At the Battle of the Philippine Sea, in June of 1945, US carrier-based fighters decimated the Japanese Imperial Fleet and shot down hundreds of Japanese planes in what became known as the "_____."**
- 9. By 1945, most of the Japanese naval and air forces had been _____.**
- 10. As American forces closed in on Japan, the Japanese put up fierce _____.**
- 11. Young Japanese _____ pilots began carrying out suicide missions, crashing their planes into American warships.**
- 12. The Yokosuka rocket propelled _____, or "Cherry Blossom," was flown to within striking distance of US ships by Japanese bombers, dropped, and then driven into their targets carrying a 3,000 lb. warhead.**
- 13. Japanese forces showed that they would fight to the death rather than _____.**
- 14. The road to _____ in the Pacific, for the Americans, would be long and difficult.**



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division with captured Japanese flags in New Guinea, January 1945.



View of damage to the deck of the USS *Bunker Hill* following an attack by two Japanese Kamikaze pilots, June 1945.



Able to reach speeds in excess of 500 miles per hour, while carrying 3000 lbs. of high explosives, the Yokosuka MXY-7 Ohka was designed to be the ultimate Kamikaze weapon.

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