

# The U.S. Strikes Back



U.S. B-25 Mitchell bombers over Tokyo on April 18, 1942.

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

## WORD BANK

**Guadalcanal**

**banzai**

**James Doolittle**

**Coral Sea**

**repelled**

**Dauntless**

**Chester Nimitz**

**Midway**

**routed**

**offensive**

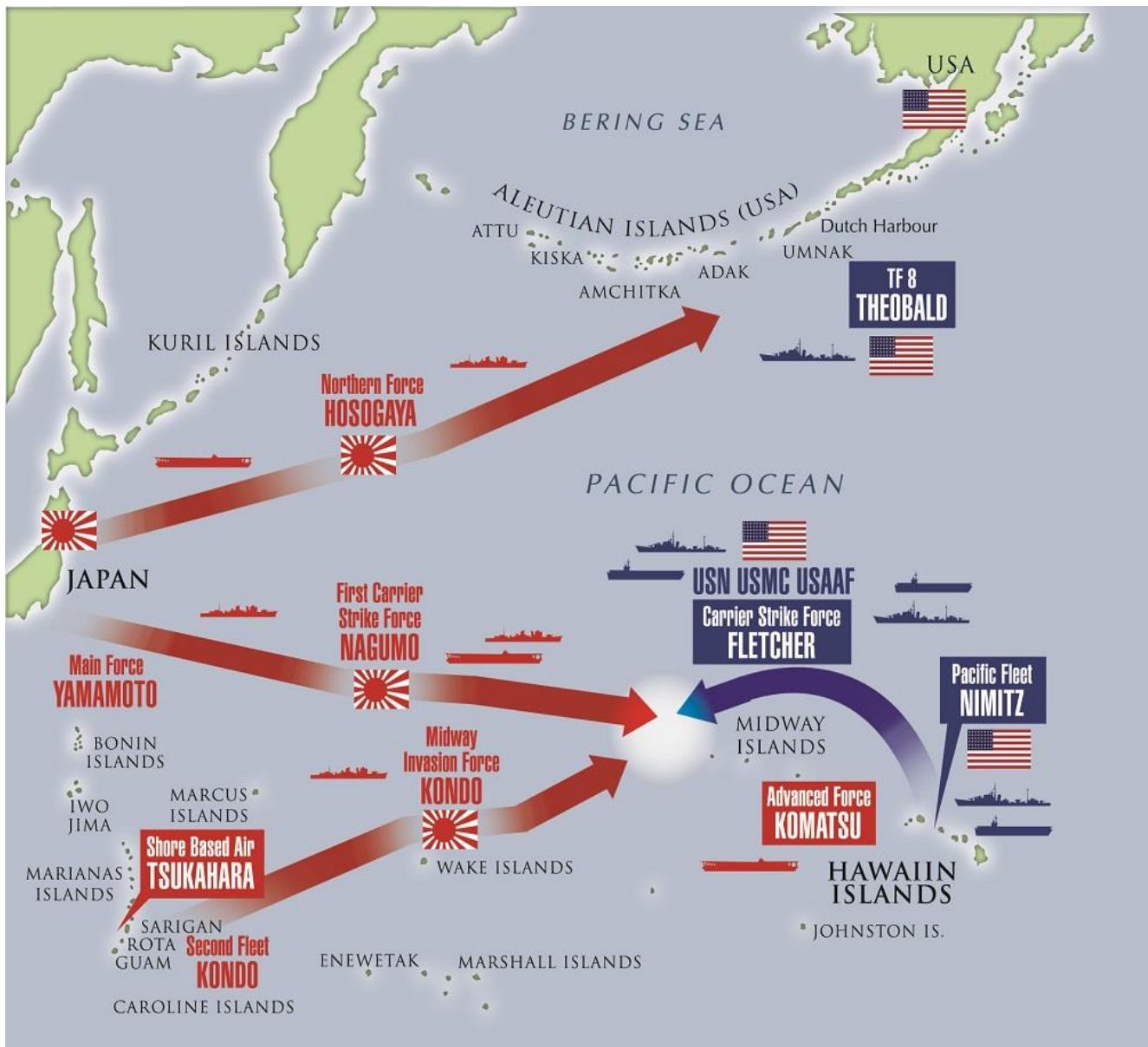


Fierce fighting between Americans and Japanese forces at the Battle of the Coral Sea is depicted in the painting *Death of the Shoho*, by Robert Benney, 1942.

1. **In retaliation for the attack on Pearl Harbor, Lieutenant Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ led a bold, long-range strike of B-25 Mitchell bombers launched from U.S. aircraft carriers against Tokyo on April 18, 1942.**
2. **In May of 1942, at the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_, American naval forces and carrier-based planes fought the Japanese for five days in fierce fighting, dealing the Japanese Imperial Navy their first defeat of the war. This American victory prevented the Japanese takeover of New Guinea and effectively halted Japanese expansion in the Pacific.**
3. **Admiral \_\_\_\_\_ was the commander of American naval forces in the Pacific.**



4. **At the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_, in June of 1942, American forces destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers and more than 250 Japanese planes. The battle was a devastating blow to the Japanese Navy. From that point on, they were unable to launch any further offensive operations.**
5. **The Douglas SBD \_\_\_\_\_ dive bomber, proved to be an effective weapon in helping turn the tide of the war in the Pacific against the Japanese.**



- 6. In August of 1942, American forces took the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pacific.**
- 7. The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ began when U.S. marines stormed ashore in the Solomon Islands.**
- 8. For five months, U.S. marines and army forces \_\_\_\_\_ savage Japanese attacks from the air, from the sea, and on land.**
- 9. Fanatical Japanese troops launched wave after wave of suicidal \_\_\_\_\_ charges into the American lines from the surrounding jungle.**
- 10. In November of 1942, American naval forces intercepted a fleet coming to reinforce the defenders, and in a furious battle \_\_\_\_\_ the Japanese. By early 1943, the outnumbered Japanese slipped off the island.**



U.S. Marines are shown on Guadalcanal, 1942.