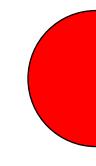
Fighting in the Pacific



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Enduring Understanding:

The island hopping campaign led to Allied victories at the Battles of Coral Sea & Midway

Essential Questions:

- What changes did the Allies make to ensure that they had enough resources for fighting the war?
- 2. Why were the Allies able to defeat the Axis Powers in the Pacific?



Objectives

 Explain how the Allies began to push back the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific

 Describe how the Allies began to push back the Japanese in the Pacific



A Turning Point in the Pacific

attack on Pearl Harbor = huge success for Japan

- damage to US Navy's Pacific Fleet
 - took time to overcome
 - limited American ability to strike back

Allies Fight Back

- Japanese advantages:
 - navy ruled the seas after Pearl Harbor
 - better equipped
 - fighting closer to home

 Japan conquered many strategic islands/ territories in the Pacific



- General <u>Douglas MacArthur</u>
 - April 1942, surrendered the Philippines (American territory) to Japanese

- Bataan Death March
 - 70,000 prisoners (American & Filipino soldiers) forced to march to a prison camp
 - 600 Americans & 10,000 Filipino prisoners died



Battle of the Coral Sea

■ May 1942 → northeast of Australian coast

 Japanese forces were preparing to invade Port Moresby on New Guinea

Allied vessels tried to block attack

Japanese were stopped, but at great cost

Battle of Midway

- June 1942 → Midway was island in middle of Pacific
 - key American military base
- Japanese = more ships and aircraft carriers
- Americans = broken secret Japanese code

- Americans won
- Destroyed Japan's hopes of Pacific domination



- island hopping
 - skipping over Japanese strongholds & capturing weaker targets
 - not always easy (ex: <u>Battle of Guadalcanal</u>)

kamikazes

 Japanese pilots who loaded planes with explosives & deliberately crashed into Allied ships

