

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORLD WAR II STUDY GUIDE

### Causes of World War II

1. World War II was caused by resentment of the \_\_\_\_\_. Germany thought it was too \_\_\_\_\_ because it could not afford to pay reparations. This resulted in severe depression.
2. Another cause was the failure of \_\_\_\_\_. This is a policy of granting concessions to an enemy with a goal of maintaining \_\_\_\_\_. Hitler took advantage of lack of unity among the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Another cause was the failure of the League of \_\_\_\_\_. Not all countries joined the league, including the \_\_\_\_\_. The League had no power, no \_\_\_\_\_, and was unable to act quickly.
4. Finally, a rise of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ states led to World War II. Adolf Hitler invaded \_\_\_\_\_ on September 1, 1939.

### Axis Aggression

5. Germany attacked Poland using a new tactic called \_\_\_\_\_. This included air attack to damage defenses, fast-moving \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. Foot soldiers cleared out the rest.
6. As a result, the \_\_\_\_\_ air force was destroyed. Polish soldiers were no match for Germans. The Polish landscape had no natural \_\_\_\_\_ to slow the blitzkrieg. Poland did have support from Great Britain & France and on September 3, 1939 Great Britain & France declared war on \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Great Britain & France didn't give much help to Poland and it \_\_\_\_\_ fast. Little could be done to stop German invasion. German troops moved to the western border and leaders made plans for \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In spring 1940, Germans invaded \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (lightly defended). In northern France, the Germans went through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. The Germans then moved northwest to the coast.
9. In \_\_\_\_\_, a coastal town (northwest France, near English Channel), German troops trapped hundreds of thousands of Allied troops. Allied military & civilian \_\_\_\_\_ saved over 300,000 and retreated to Great Britain. Unfortunately, the remaining Allied troops couldn't stop Germans from taking \_\_\_\_\_. On June 22, 1940, \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered to Germany.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

### Battle of Britain

10. Winston Churchill was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Great Britain. Between August-October 1940, \_\_\_\_\_ sent thousands of aircraft to attack British targets. Hitler's plan was to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ to make it possible to invade.

11. The Germans failed because the British had new technology called \_\_\_\_\_. British air defenses were more effective than other countries'. By September 1940, German planes began bombing British \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, including London. Hitler attacked civilians and tried to break the \_\_\_\_\_; demoralize. The \_\_\_\_\_ were often worse than bombs.

12. The London Blitz lasted for \_\_\_\_\_ straight nights. People took shelter underground and \_\_\_\_\_ were evacuated to the countryside/north. The bombing continued, but British refused to give in. By early 1941, \_\_\_\_\_ called off his plans to invade Britain.

### Neutrality Acts

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ Acts prohibited export of "arms, ammunition, & implements of war" to foreign, warring nations. Warring nations could get any item except \_\_\_\_\_. In 1939, the arms embargo was lifted, putting all trade with warring nations under terms of "\_\_\_\_\_-&-\_\_\_\_\_." This meant any item could be sold as long as it was immediately paid for.

14. The United States would provide a country with supplies needed to fight \_\_\_\_\_. The country would NOT have to pay the United States back \_\_\_\_\_. This program was designed to allow \_\_\_\_\_ to indirectly help defeat Germany.

15. On December 7, 1941, hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ bombers & fighters attacked the naval base Pearl Harbor. This attack resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ Americans dead, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ aircraft destroyed, and all but \_\_\_\_\_ battleships were sunk/damaged. On December 8, the US declares war on \_\_\_\_\_. On December 11, Germany & Italy declare war on the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Japanese Internment

16. As a result of the Pearl Harbor attack, on February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signs \_\_\_\_\_. This allowed military authorities to exclude "any and all persons" from designated areas of the country as necessary for \_\_\_\_\_.

17. In Hawaii, \_\_\_\_\_ were the majority of the population. The government didn't force them to relocate. On the West Coast (California, Oregon, Washington), Japanese-Americans & Japanese immigrants forced to \_\_\_\_\_, but no other states wanted to take them.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

### German Invasion of Soviet Union

18. In June 1941, \_\_\_\_\_ broke the non-aggression pact with Stalin as 3 million German soldiers invaded the Soviet Union. Germans used \_\_\_\_\_ tactic (again). It was effective at first, but the \_\_\_\_\_ was no match for overwhelming German forces.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ did NOT collapse. The Germans failed to reach their goals (Moscow, Leningrad) and were unprepared for Soviet \_\_\_\_\_. During the Siege of \_\_\_\_\_, Soviets starved to death at rate of 3,000-4,000 people a \_\_\_\_\_. In Spring 1942, Hitler ordered new attack with soldiers from Germany, Italy, Romania, & Hungary.

20. In the \_\_\_\_\_, the city was bombed heavily (air, artillery attacks). Civilians in Stalingrad were NOT evacuated. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the war because it destroyed Germany's hope for European domination.

21. By Fall 1942, Soviets regrouped for a \_\_\_\_\_. Soviets broke through Axis defenses and Hitler did not allow Axis troops to retreat. By January 1943, the Germans had no \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or medicine. \_\_\_\_\_ "half-dead" Axis soldiers were captured. Hitler was defeated and Axis forces were losing in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ also.

### Fighting in the Pacific

22. The attack on Pearl Harbor was a huge success for \_\_\_\_\_. The damage to the US Navy's Pacific Fleet took time to overcome. The Americans had limited ability to \_\_\_\_\_. The Japanese advantages included the navy \_\_\_\_\_ after Pearl Harbor, better \_\_\_\_\_, and fighting \_\_\_\_\_.

23. Japan conquered many strategic islands and territories in the \_\_\_\_\_. General \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered the Philippines (American territory) to the Japanese. During the \_\_\_\_\_, 70,000 prisoners (American & Filipino soldiers) were forced to march to a prison camp. \_\_\_\_\_ Americans & \_\_\_\_\_ Filipino prisoners died.

24. \_\_\_\_\_ was an island in middle of Pacific and a key American military \_\_\_\_\_. The Japanese had more ships and aircraft carriers, but the \_\_\_\_\_ were able to break the secret Japanese \_\_\_\_\_. The Americans won and destroyed Japan's hopes of Pacific domination.

25. Island hopping is a strategy of \_\_\_\_\_ over Japanese strongholds & capturing weaker targets. \_\_\_\_\_ were Japanese pilots who loaded planes with explosives & deliberately crashed into Allied ships.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

### War Ends in Europe & Japan

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ invasion required two things: \_\_\_\_\_ and attack directly against strong \_\_\_\_\_. On June 6, 1944, Allied forces invaded France at \_\_\_\_\_ & triumphed. The Allies quickly re-conquered \_\_\_\_\_.

27. The Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_ was a massive German counterattack. By January 1945, the Allies crushed the \_\_\_\_\_. The Allies closed in on Germans from east & west. By late April 1945, \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded Berlin. On May 2, 1945, \_\_\_\_\_ was found dead in his bunker. Finally, on May 7, 1945, Germany \_\_\_\_\_.

28. American forces regularly bombed Japanese cities. \_\_\_\_\_ had to travel long distances to targets, which was \_\_\_\_\_. Iwo Jima was a Japanese island conquered by \_\_\_\_\_ forces. Okinawa was another \_\_\_\_\_ island conquered by American forces.

29. Japanese soldiers would fight to the death. An American invasion of \_\_\_\_\_ would be too costly. In May 1945, Harry Truman became President. He made decision to use the \_\_\_\_\_ bomb. The Allies demanded surrender from \_\_\_\_\_. Atomic bombs dropped on \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ on August 6<sup>th</sup> & August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Post War World

30. Millions of people died, with the heaviest losses in \_\_\_\_\_ Europe. This caused physical devastation and destroyed \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Economies were near collapse and millions of people without \_\_\_\_\_.

31. The Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_ was issued by Churchill & Roosevelt in July 1941. It declared neither wanted more \_\_\_\_\_ and declared both wanted a world of \_\_\_\_\_. At Tehran in November 1943, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ agreed on plans for the D-Day invasion and to work together in peace after war.

32. In February 1945, Roosevelt, Churchill, & Stalin met again at \_\_\_\_\_. Their goal was to make an agreement on postwar \_\_\_\_\_. Stalin wanted to keep territory in Eastern Europe & promised to respect \_\_\_\_\_ in those countries. Roosevelt wanted Stalin to join a new world organization called the \_\_\_\_\_.

33. The United Nations was similar to the \_\_\_\_\_ (post-WWI). It encouraged international \_\_\_\_\_ & prevention of \_\_\_\_\_. A security council was made up of the United States, Great Britain, France, Soviet Union, & China. Those countries had more \_\_\_\_\_ than other member countries.

34. In July 1945, Truman, Churchill, & Stalin met again at \_\_\_\_\_. The Soviet Union & other Allies had been disagreeing. They discussed issues concerning postwar \_\_\_\_\_ but had difficulty reaching agreement. Roosevelt & Churchill worried about \_\_\_\_\_'s plans in Eastern Europe. They didn't want \_\_\_\_\_ or Soviet influence to spread.