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## **Unit 8 Study Guide**

WWII and the Geography of Egypt and Israel

- 1. Hitler's Foreign Policy
  - a. Rearmament of Germany
  - b. Remilitarization of the Rhineland
  - c. Annexation of Austria, aka Anschluss
  - d. Annexation of the Sudetenland
  - e. Invasion of Czechoslovakia
  - f. Invasion of Poland
- 2. Finland:
  - a. Attacked by Russia, befriended Germany to help in fight against Russia
- 3. Norway:
  - a. Invaded by Germany, became puppet state
- 4. Operation Case White:
  - a. Secret pact between Germany and Soviet Union dividing Poland
- 5. Invasion of France/Miracle at Dunkirk:
  - a. Germany invaded, had control in 6 weeks
  - b. Allies cornered on the beach at Dunkirk
  - c. Miracle was when the Royal Navy enlisted help of civilians and ~1000 boats showed up to evacuate British and French soldiers
  - d. Became rally cry for Britain
- 6. Invasion of Poland:
  - a. Germany invaded on September 1st, 1939
  - b. Attacked on 2 sides (Russia and Germany)

#### 7. Battle of Britain:

- a. July 10th, 1940-October 1940
- b. Hitler wanted Great Britain, and needed to take out the RAF first.
- c. London was heavily bombed by Germany, known as the Blitz
- d. Hitler had to call off in October, never invaded Great Britain

# 8. Sinking of the Bismarck:

- a. Germany's best warship, attacking allied shipping lines
- b. Sunk Britain's HMS Hood
- Britain sought out and sunk the unsinkable Bismarck on May 27th, 1941

## 9. Battle in the Philippines/Bataan Death March:

- a. Japan wanted the Philippines
- b. Philippines Scouts-elite part of US Army (Filipino troops)
- c. MacArthur promised supplies, never came, he left as well
- d. Had to surrender, forced to march 65 miles in tropical heat, many died

### 10. US Unofficial Assistance in the War:

- a. Lend and Lease: Last chance to stay out of WWII, lend/lease supplies and money to allied governments.
- b. Cash and Carry: Foreign government pays cash and transports supplies themselves we would help (no repeat of the Lusitania)
- c. Leaving planes a few feet from Canadian border

## 11. America Prepares for War:

- a. Factories switched to war production
- b. Employment increases, women and African Americans go to factories
- c. Ration Books used to track what you got each week (clothes, meat, sugar, fat, gas etc.)
- d. Scrap drives to collect metal
- e. War bonds sold to finance war
- f. Hollywood pumped out propaganda
- g. Baseball continued for moral
- h. Patriotic/war songs became very popular

## 12. Imperial Japan/Attack on Pearl Harbor:

- a. Japan wanted to be an empire and seen as equal with the west in the early 1900's so they started expanding
- b. Japan surprise attack on Pearl Harbor
- c. December 7th, 1941
- d. Over 2400 American died
- e. FDR said "yesterday, December 7th, 1941, a date which will live in infamy."
- f. The US declares war the following day, officially entering WWII.

## 13. Operation Barbarossa/Battle of Moscow:

- a. Hitler breaks nonaggression pact and invaded Russia
- b. 3 groups went (North, Central, South)
- c. Central headed to Moscow, split to help N/S which gave Moscow time to prepare
- d. Winter came and the Germans didn't have correct winter gear, started retreating w/o orders
- e. Soviets pushed Germans back and Hitler's ego was bruised

#### 14. Battle of the Atlantic:

- a. Term made up by Churchill
- b. German U-boats attacking allied merchant ships
- c. Convoys traveled w/up to 60 ships and had warship/aircraft carriers to protect
- d. U-boats traveled in wolf packs

### 15. Japanese Internment:

- a. ~100k Japanese Americans forced to relocate to camps after Pearl Harbor
- b. Not good living conditions
- c. Done out of fear after Pearl Harbor, even though it was not legal
- d. President Reagan formally apologized in 1988

#### 16. Doolittle Raid:

- a. Strategic Bombing strategy on Tokyo
- b. Planes were not long range enough -> one way mission
- c. Tried again in 1944 -> success

## 17. Operation Torch:

- a. Invasion of North Africa in 1942
- b. Draw Axis troops away from fighting Soviet Union
- c. Pincer move with US landing in Morocco->US first engagement in WWII
- d. Over quickly, but still room for growth with allied forces (communication)

# 18. Bataan Death March:

- a. Happened after Battle of the Philippines in 1942
- b. American and Filipino troops were forced to march 65 miles
- c. Many starved to death, were beaten or killed
- d. POWs liberated after MacArthur returned in 1945

#### 19. Battle of Midway:

- a. 3 phase attack on Midway
- b. Japan ordered radio silence

- c. US knew it was called Operation AF, surprise attack on the surprise attack
- d. Postponed due to fog
- e. Admiral Nagumo ordered bombers to take off torpedoes and put on general bombs and waited to send bombers until fighter planes came back
- f. USS Yorktown was destroyed
- g. Aerial attacks continued
- h. Japan assumed it was a surprise, no radio communication and that US would be weak

#### 20. Battle of Guadalcanal:

- a. Strategic advantage, Swift victory but we celebrated too soon
- b. Heavy fighting by both, one of worst battle in US Naval History
- c. US changes strategy after and picks less fortified bases

## 21. Battle of Stalingrad:

- a. Turning point of WWII, bloodiest battle in history/WWII
- b. Fought house to house, Russia was able to cut off the German 6th army as winter set it. Told not to surrender
- c. 90k Germans taken as POWS and half died on way to prison camps

## 22. Operation Husky/Fall of Rome:

- a. Invasion of Italy, combined aerial and land
- b. General Patton led
- c. Italy quickly fell
- d. Benito Mussolini was fascist ruler, was deposed and eventually caught and executed.

# 23. Operation Overlord/Invasion of Normandy/D-Day:

- a. Planning began year earlier at Tehran conference
- b. Cross channel invasion of Northern France into Normandy
- c. Atlantic Wall-2,400 miles of coast reinforced by Germans (Norway-> Spain)
- d. 5 beaches. US had Omaha and Utah
- e. Omaha was the bloodiest but the invasion was a success

## 24. Battle of the Bulge:

- a. Hitler's last offensive attack
- b. Aka Battle of the Ardennes
- c. 6 weeks, pushed allied line into a bulge
- d. Patton led defense
- e. Bastogne was surrounded until Patton arrived
- f. Bloodiest battle of WWII (for Americans)

#### 25. Holocaust:

- a. Concentration camps started with Dachau in 1933
- b. Jews were moved to Ghettos in Poland, poverty, hunger and disease were everywhere
- c. Hitler continued to expand camps, need for a "final solution"
- d. Not just Jews sent to camps
- e. Warsaw Ghetto Uprising fought back, but survivors were sent to camps

#### 26. Yalta Conference/Potsdam:

- a. Big 3 met -> Churchill, Stalin and FDR
- b. Discussed future of war/postwar world and Stalin helping in the Pacific
- c. Berlin divided into 4
- d. The Potsdam Conference is where the spirit of goodwill fell apart and were looking after own interests.

## 27. Battle of Berlin:

- a. Soviets take Berlin in April 1945
- b. Hitler commits suicide on April 30th

## 28. VE Day:

a. War is over in Europe, Germany surrenders to allied forces

### 29. Iwo Jima:

- a. Strategic point
- b. Bloodbath for both sides
- c. US flag raised on Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23th, 1945

## 30. Manhattan Project:

- a. Building of atomic bombs
- b. Oppenhimer and Groves in charge
- c. Decided to not publicize test
- d. Truman decided to drop bomb to avoid invading Japan
- e. Japan given ultimatum at Potsdam Conference
- f. Dropped 2 bombs
  - i. Hiroshima -> Little Boy -> August 6th
  - ii. Nagasaki -> Fat Man -> August 9th
- g. VJ Day happens on August 14th after both bombs are dropped

## 31. Nuremberg Trials:

- a. International Military Tribunal Created
- b. Allied countries prosecuted Nazi leaders
- c. Top Nazi's tried with crimes against peace, crimes against humanity and war crimes
- d. Several committed suicide before trial

e. Low level trials were continuing until 2022

# 32. United Nations:

- a. "Big 4" -> China, US, Great Britain, Russia wanted to prevent war (France added)
- b. Declaration of Human Rights
- c. Doesn't really stop anything and is expensive

### 33. People:

- a. Adolf Hitler: German Fuhrer/Leader of the Nazi Party in Germany, committed suicide as the Soviets closed in around Berlin
- b. Herman Goerring: Commander of the Luftwaffe and Hitler's 2nd in command, committed suicide after his trial.
- c. Winston Churchill: Prime Minister of United Kingdom
- d. Franklin D. Roosevelt: President of the United States, died 1 month before VE day
- e. Harry Truman: President of the United States for post WWII
- f. Josef Stalin: Communist leader of the Soviet Union, 2nd bloodiest dictator in history
- g. Dwight D. Eisenhower: Supreme allied commander to the Allied forces (in charge of all military operations.
- h. Josef Mengele: "Angel of Death" doctor at Auschwitz, famous for experiments on twins.
- i. General Patton: American General, incharge during Operation Husky and Battle of the Bulge
- j. Benito Mussolini: Fascist leader of Italy, friends with Hitler, did escape but was executed.
- k. Admiral Nimitz: commander in chief at the Battle of Midway

- I. Emperor Hirohito: Emperor of Japan, not tried at Tokyo (US needed him to help with Russia)
- m. General Tojo: General in Japan, tried at Tokyo and execute for war crimes
- n. Admiral Nagumo: Admiral in charge at Midway, made a few mistakes
- o. St. Maxmilian Kolbe: Catholic priest who offered to die in someone's place so they could live.
- p. St. Edith Stein: Jewish Catholic nun, brilliant woman and author, sent to Auschwitz and died.
- q. Robert Oppenheimer and Brig. General Leslie Groves: Both in charge of Manhattan Project

## 34. Definitions:

- a. Sitzkrieg: war/phase of war where there is little to no active warfare. Used more for lack of action. Stalemate is more for pause in progress.
- b. Siege: the placing of an army around a city to force it to surrender.
- c. War Bond: a way to borrow money that helps with military efforts. Ex. you buy a \$25 war bond for \$18. After a period of time the government gives you \$25
- d. Internment: Putting a person in prison or other kind of detention, generally in wartime.
- e. Ghetto: crowded, poor part of a city. Where Jews were forced to live in unhealthy conditions.

- f. Holocaust: systematic, state-run execution of Jews OR destruction/murder on a mass scale.
- g. War Crime: a crime (such as genocide or maltreatment of prisoners) committed during or in connection with war.
- h. Crime Against Humanity: A deliberate act, typically as part of a systematic campaign, that causes human suffering or death on a large scale.
- Crime Against Peace: Planning, preparing, initiating, participating in a common plan related to a war of aggression in an international armed conflict. Usually someone in high authority.
- j. Declaration of Human Rights: A document from the UN that declares human rights are universal – to be enjoyed by all people, no matter who they are or where they live.

# 35. Timeline

- September 1st, 1939: Invasion of Poland
- July 10th-October 31st, 1940: Battle of Britain
- May 27th, 1941: Sinking of the Bismarck
- June 22nd, 1941-January 7th, 1942: Operation Barbarssa/Battle of Moscow
- December 7th, 1941: Attack on Pearl Harbor
- April 9th, 1942: Battle of the PHilippines/Bataan Death march
- June 3rd-7th, 1942: Battle of Midway
- August 7th, 1942-February 9th, 1943: Battle of Guadalcanal
- August 23rd, 1942-February 2nd, 1943: Battle of Stalingrad

- June 4th, 1944: Fall of Rome/Operation Husky
- June 6th, 1944: D-Day, Invasion of Normandy/Operation Overlord
- December 16th, 1944-January 25th, 1945: Battle of the Bulge
- February 4th-11th, 1945: Yalta Conference
- May 8th, 1945: VE Day
- August 6th & 9th, 1945: Dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- August 14th, 1945: VJ Day
- September 2nd, 1945: Japan surrenders, end of WWII
- 36. Egypt and Israel
  - a. Know countries location, capital and major features.

# **Short Answers:**

- 1. What did the United States do to help the allies before officially entering WWII?
- 2. How did Americans prepare for war? What was the homefront like? What was the feeling in America?
- 3. What was the Holocaust? Who was involved? What did the Nazi's call for?
- 4. What happened on December 7th, 1941? What did it push American's to do? What is the famous quote and who said it?
- 5. What happened during the Nuremberg and Tokyo Trials? What were the men tried with? What happened to them?

## Geography

Known the West Bank, Nile and Capitals of Israel and Egypt