

**Unit 8 Test: World War II**

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**Short Essay:** Write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) in response to the following questions. Use the bottom and/or the back of your scantron. (5 points each)

1. Describe the **two main themes** underlying the numerous causes of World War II. What are those two patterns all of the WWII causes have in common? Refer to the acronym **A.G.G.R.E.S.S.I.O.N.** to help support your response.

- The two main themes are:
  - **Aggressors invade other countries**
    - Germany takes Austria and Czechoslovakia
    - Real Cause: Hitler invades Poland
    - Italy wants land
    - No one stops Japan
  - **No one does anything about it**
    - Appeasement
    - Everyone ignores League of Nations
    - Stupid Treaty of Versailles, Pacifism
    - Only U.S. business (isolationism)

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2. Explain how the Allies were victorious in **Europe** to end WWII. What were the **key events** to take down Hitler and the Axis Powers?

- **Battle of Stalingrad:** Frostbitten Germans surrender to Soviets
- **Invasion of Italy:** Italy surrenders, Mussolini is overthrown
- **D-Day:** Allied forces storm the beaches of Normandy, France
- **Battle of the Bulge:** Hitler's final attempt
- **V-E Day:** Germany surrenders, war is over

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3. Explain how the Allies were victorious in the **Pacific** to end WWII. What were the **key events** that led to Japan's surrender?

- **Battle of Leyte Gulf:** U.S. defeats Japan in the Philippines
- **Battle of Iwo Jima:** U.S. marines take this Japanese island
- **Battle of Okinawa:** Bloodiest land battle
- **Hiroshima & Nagasaki:** U.S. drops atomic bombs

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4. Explain how Hitler and the Nazis took steps towards the Holocaust. Give **specific examples** of the steps taken by Nazi Germany and use the stages of the “Hate Pyramid” to support your response.

- Prejudiced attitudes: **“master race” & “Anti-Semitism”**
- Acts of prejudice: **Nuremberg laws, Kristallnacht**
- Discrimination: **Emigration & Ghettos**
- Violence: **concentration camps**
- Genocide: **Holocaust (Hitler’s “Final Solution”)**

**\*\*\*Bonus\*\*\* (5 points)**

5. Compare the new Japanese constitution made after WWII and the Treaty of Versailles after WWI. Analyze and explain how these two documents had similar effects on the countries of Japan and Germany respectively.

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