SSWH19 WWII Question Notes

**Germany**

1. What did Hitler believe about the Aryan race and Germany?
2. Why did Germany need to build up an army and prepare for war?
3. How did Hitler violate the Treaty of Versailles?
4. How did Western nations react to these violations?
5. What happened in the Rhineland?
6. What is appeasement?
7. What was the Rome-Berlin Axis?
8. What was the Anti-Comintern Pact?
9. What does Hitler annex in 1938?
10. Why did Hitler turn his sights on Czechoslovakia and the Sudetenland?
11. What are the results of the conference in Munich?
12. What did British PM Chamberlain boast?
13. What does Hitler take over next?
14. Why is France and GB talking to Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin?
15. What are terms of the nonaggression pact between Germany and the Soviet Union?
16. What does Hitler do after the pact was signed? How does Britain and France react?

**Japan**

1. Why did Japan seize Manchuria in 1931?
2. How did Japan respond to the League of Nations criticism of this seizure?
3. How was Chang Kai-shek try to deal with Japanese aggression in China?
4. What happened in 1937?
5. Why did Japan want to control Asia?
6. Why did Japan focus on Southeast Asia and not the Soviet Union?
7. Why did the US threaten to impose sanctions on Japan?

**Europe at War**

1. What is blitzkrieg used by Germany?
2. How long does it take for Poland to surrender to Germany?
3. Which countries were Nazi targets in 1940?
4. What happened at Dunkirk?
5. What did France eventually sign?
6. What prevented the US from supporting the British against Germany?
7. How did Hitler choose to attack GB during the Battle of Britain? Luftwaffe?
8. What technology aided the British during the Battle of Britain?
9. What was the ultimate result of the Battle of Britain?

**Invasion of the Soviet Union**

1. Why did Hitler decide to attack the Soviet Union?
2. Despite some advancements, what factors prevented Germany for capturing the Soviet Union?

**Japan at War**

1. What happened on December 7, 1941?
2. What was Asian or Pacific Theater?
3. What did Japan want to do for Southeast Asia?
4. Why did Japan attack Pearl Harbor?
5. Who declares war on the US?
6. What was the Grand Alliance?




2. Who were the Axis powers?



**European Theater**

1. In what areas were German forces successful?
2. What had changed by 1943?
3. Why did Hitler try to take Stalingrad?
4. How did Soviet force the Germans to surrender in the Battle of Stalingrad?

**Asian Theater**

1. Why was the Battle of Midway Island the turning point in the Asian Theater?
2. What was the Island hopping campaign? Who led this campaign?

**Last Years of the War**

1. What was the “soft underbelly” according to Churchill?
2. What happened to Italy?
3. What was the D-Day invasion? Who led this invasion?
4. What are the results of the D-Day invasion for Europe?
5. After Soviet capture of Berlin, what happened to Hitler and Germany?
6. What happened to Mussolini?
7. What difficult decision did President Truman have to make?
8. Why did Truman decide to use atomic weapons against Japan?
9. What were the results of the atomic bombs on Japan?

**The Holocaust**

**German Policies**

1. What was the extent of the Nazi regime in 1942?
2. What was the resettlement plan?
3. What happened in Poland?
4. How did Germany handle a labor shortage?
5. How did Hitler see Jews?
6. How did Jewish persecution begin?
7. What were Jews forced to wear?
8. What was the problem with escaping persecution?
9. How did the US handle this immigration?
10. What was the “final solution”?
11. Which groups were also targets of genocide?
12. What were the hardships in concentration camps?
13. What are death camps?
14. What are the results of the Holocaust?
15. How were children impacted by the war?

**New Order in Asia**

1. Why did Japan hope to take over the locations they did?
2. What was the Asia for the Asiatics policy?
3. How were these Japanese colonies exploited?
4. What policies and events led to Asian nations turning against Japanese control?

**The Home Front**

1. How many civilian deaths occurred during the war?
2. How did citizens of the Soviet Union suffer during the war?
3. How did Soviet woman aid in the war effort?
4. How were African American Japanese Americans impacted by the war?
5. How were German consumers and women impacted by the war?
6. What did the Japanese government control?
7. How were young men and women impacted by the war?

**Peace Conferences and Aftermath**

1. What was the Cold War?
2. What was the Tehran Conference?
3. What are the results of the Tehran Conference?
4. What was the Yalta Conference?
5. What are the results of the Tehran Conference?
6. What was the Potsdam Conference?
7. What was the Marshall Plan?
8. What was MacArthur’s plan for Japan after the war? (video)