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## War in the Pacific

### 1. Japan Advances

- a. The attack at \_\_\_\_\_ weakened the U.S. Pacific Fleet to the point that it could not respond to further Japanese attacks in east Asia
  - i. The Japanese were able to conquer Thailand, Hong Kong, Burma and the U.S. territories of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Island
  - ii. Japan also attacked the \_\_\_\_\_ the same day they attacked Pearl Harbor
- b. American General Douglas MacArthur was unable to stop the Japanese in the Philippines
  - i. He retreated in \_\_\_\_\_, leaving more than 70,000 American and Filipino soldiers behind
  - ii. The Japanese forced these prisoners on a 63 mile march to the Bataan peninsula
    1. More than 600 Americans and 10,000 Filipinos died on the \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Key Allied Victories

- a. Admiral Chester Nimitz was in command of the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. He was concerned with Japanese advances, and was able to crack \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese messages
    1. The Japanese were planning to attack Port Moresby, New Guinea, and island north of \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. Because the U.S. Navy could break Japanese codes, Nimitz was able to stop the invasion in Port Moresby at the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_, although neither side won a clear victory
    2. June 4, 1942 the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ began
      - a. This was a Japanese attack on the Midway Islands, an important port in the Pacific Ocean
      - b. The Americans were able to sink 4 of Japan's aircraft carriers, severely weakening Japan's navy
    3. The U.S. Navy and the \_\_\_\_\_ began taking island back from the Japanese
      - a. One of the most intense battles was at \_\_\_\_\_, which lasted 6 months and ended with Marines controlling the island

### 3. Battling Toward Japan

- a. The battles at Midway and Guadalcanal allowed the Allies to go on the \_\_\_\_\_ against Japan
  - i. Island Hopping
    1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the strategy whereby the Allies only took strategically important islands instead of trying to take every single island Japan controlled
    2. It was an effective strategy, but \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. Many Marines died taking these heavily fortified islands
    3. In October of 1944 \_\_\_\_\_ returned to the Philippines to take control of it
      - a. The Japanese and Allied navies fought the largest naval battle in history at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_
        - i. This crippled the Japanese navy for the rest of the war and allowed the Americans to attack Japanese shipping lanes
        - ii. The Japanese were finally driven out of the Philippines by the summer of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Final Battles
    1. Allied \_\_\_\_\_ began raiding Japanese towns in November 1944
      - a. In March 1945 a bombing raid set \_\_\_\_\_, the Japanese capital, on fire, leaving 1 million civilians homeless

2. In February 1945 U.S. Marines landed on \_\_\_\_\_, one of Japan's outer islands
    - a. Of 20,000 Japanese defenders, only about 1,000 survived long enough to surrender
      - i. 6,800 Americans died in the month long battle
  3. April 1945 Marines began to assault \_\_\_\_\_, another Japanese island
    - a. 100,000 Japanese defended this island
    - b. Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ pilots began to attack U.S. ships off of Okinawa
      - i. These pilots would have their planes loaded with explosives, and crash their planes into U.S. ships in a suicide attack
        1. There were over 2,500 kamikaze attacks, resulting in over 4,000 American dead
      - ii. The fighting in Okinawa lasted \_\_\_\_\_
        1. There were 12,000 Allied dead and 36,000 wounded
        2. The Japanese lost 110,000 troops and 80,000 civilians in this battle
4. Victory in the Pacific
- a. The U.S. and Allied commanders began to look at the cost of an \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan
    - i. Some estimates put the potential American deaths at \_\_\_\_\_ in an attempted invasion
    - ii. Another option was the \_\_\_\_\_ bomb
      1. The U.S. had been researching, through the \_\_\_\_\_, how to build an atomic bomb since 1942
      2. On July 16, 1945 the Allies successfully tested the first atom bomb in \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. President Truman drops the bomb August 6, 1945
    1. The Japanese government refused the Allied demand for \_\_\_\_\_ surrender
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ ordered the bomb to drop on the city of Hiroshima
      - a. The bomber plane *Enola Gay* flew this mission
      - b. 80,000 people died instantly with this one bomb
      - c. On August 9, 1945 Truman ordered a second bomb to be dropped on \_\_\_\_\_
        - i. 22,000 people died in this explosion
      - d. August 15, 1945 Japan surrendered
    3. World War 2 ended finally, but only after \_\_\_\_\_ people died, half of them civilians