

## **WORLD WAR II: The United States Goes to War**

### **I. The U.S. Alliance with Great Britain and the Soviet Union**

#### a. The Big Three (Who?)

- Great Britain: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Soviet Union: \_\_\_\_\_
- The United States: \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. An “Uneasy Alliance”

#### c. Primary military focus in fighting was...

#### d. Eastern Front

#### e. North Africa and Italy

### **II. The Allied Invasion of Northwestern Europe**

#### a. Operation Overlord

- Where to attack?
- Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Important Facts

#### b. D-Day

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Three-Fold Attack
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

#### c. Liberation of France and Belgium

### **III. The Battle of the Bulge**

a. Hitler Near Defeat

b. The Battle of the Bulge

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Why is it called the Battle of the Bulge?

d. The Race to the Rhine

### **IV. The Allied Victory in Europe**

a. The Fall of Berlin

- Western and Eastern Fronts Collapsing

b. The Yalta Conference

- Who?
- Control of Berlin

c. Hitler's Death

d. Victory in Europe "V-E Day"

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Painful Discovery

## **V. The U.S. Strategy in the Pacific War**

### a. Early Japanese Victories

- Fighting in the Pacific (Where? List locations)
- “I Shall Return” – Gen. \_\_\_\_\_
- Bataan Death March

### b. “Island Hopping” Strategy

### c. The Doolittle Raid

## **VI. The Turning Point of the Pacific War**

### a. Importance of Controlling the Air and Sea

### b. The Battle of the Coral Sea

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Japanese Admiral \_\_\_\_\_
- Battle Facts and Outcome

### c. The Battle of Midway

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Importance of U.S. Intelligence
- U.S. Admiral \_\_\_\_\_
- The Victory gives the United States...

## **VII. The Battle of Iwo Jima**

### a. Conditions of the Difficult Island Campaigns

### b. The Battle of Iwo Jima

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Details of Battle
  
- Outcome

## **VIII. The End of World War II**

### a. The Planned Invasion of Japan

- Strategy
  
- “Kamikaze”

### b. Hiroshima and Nagasaki

- Atomic Testing
  
- “Little Boy and Fat Man”

### c. Japanese Surrender

- When? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where?

### d. The Costs of War

- American Deaths / Wounded
  
- Why it was worth it?