***World War II – The World at War***

**Chapter 1, *America Joins the War****:* Highlights the activities on the U.S. home front including the monumental industrial shift from peacetime manufacturing to war production; programs to ration food, fuel and other raw materials; the great migration of American workers to new industrial centers; and the changing demographic of the U.S. workforce.

**War Comes to America**

1. In 1940 Franklin Roosevelt campaigned on the promise to keep the nation out of foreign, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, well aware that the American voter had no taste for war.
2. By the fall of 1941, Adolf Hitler’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had crushed resistance across Europe leaving a wake of death and destruction.
3. On December \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the foreign war came to America. Within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_days the world was at war;
4. "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” became America's battle cry.
5. Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_volunteered for duty.
6. Ten million more were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_during the war.
7. Everything the troops needed was "Government Issue." It wasn't long before soldiers were being referred to as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."
8. During the war, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_women served in many roles – throughout such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and mechanics.
9. In record time, the U.S. economy was completely transformed from producing peacetime goods to maximum \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. FDR established the War Production Board or, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to direct the effort, and he set demanding goals.
10. Nationwide drives were organized to collect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_even cooking fat - to be recycled into war supplies. And metals and other raw materials were diverted for use in war production.
11. After a decade-long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, war production revitalized the U.S. economy.
12. Many women took jobs in the defense industry making "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" a legend.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ migrated from the rural south to work in the industrial centers of the north and west.
14. By the end of the war U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were producing more weapons and firepower than all other nations combined.
15. President Roosevelt established the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– the Office of Scientific Research and Development.
16. Secretly, the OSRD was working on the creation of the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. To finance the effort, government advertisements encouraged citizens to “Buy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;”
18. To control inflation, Congress created the Office of Price Administration, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_which froze the price of many goods. The OPA issued \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. Americans grew “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” for food.
20. The attack on Pearl Harbor unified the country in many ways, but it also stirred longstanding prejudice against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_immigrants in America.
21. President Roosevelt ordered the immediate relocation of over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Japanese.

**Chapter 2, *Achieving Victory in Europe****:* Establishes the “state-of-the-war” at the time the U.S. joined the fighting, underscoring the dire situation the Allies faced in 1941 and 1942. The major European battles are highlighted, including fighting in North Africa; the battles for Sicily and Italy; submarine warfare in the Atlantic; air battles in the skies over Europe; the D-Day invasion of Nazi-held France; and the ensuing land battles culminating in the fall of Berlin. The suicide of Hitler, the Holocaust and the death of FDR are related as well.

**The European Theater**

1. On December 22nd 1941 – just two weeks after Pearl Harbor, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_arrived in Washington to meet with President Roosevelt.
2. The leaders agreed that defeating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_would be their top priority. Once Europe was freed Allied forces could be re-deployed to help the U.S. defeat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the Atlantic, Germany’s submarine attack groups - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, devastated Allied shipping.
4. The new technology of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_helped the Allied forces spot and destroy the German subs and win the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. In November 1942 U.S. General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led 107,000 Allied troops ashore in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Allies prevailed and General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was forced to flee to Germany.
7. The Soviet Red Army refused to surrender the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of an overwhelming German onslaught.
8. The epic Battle of Stalingrad devastated the city and left over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Russians dead.
9. By the summer of 1943, Allied warplanes were bombing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cities day and night. In one raid, on the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Allies killed more than 100,000.
10. Allied troops struck off from North Africa in Operation Husky. Their mission was to invade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the steppingstone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Within a
11. Italy’s King stripped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of power and turned his back on Hitler, quitting the Axis alliance.
12. In April 1945 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was captured and executed.
13. Allied leaders finalized plans for the invasion of Nazi-occupied France and the liberation of Western Europe, the code-name was “Operation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” but history would remember it as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. The Allies launched a massive assault across the English channel, on to the coast of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_troop prepared for the operation.
15. At daybreak on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – D-Day - British, Canadian and American soldiers fought their way ashore.
16. Within a month there were a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Allied troops on the continent – fighting their way across \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. Hitler ordered a counter-attack near the border with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The resulting dent in the Allied line gave the fight its name – the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It would be Germany’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ offensive.
18. On April 23rd, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_army stormed the German capital of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In face of defeat, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took his own life, rather than surrender.
19. Finally, on May 7th, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the German High Command surrendered to Allied leaders. The long war in Europe was over.
20. Allied troops came face-to-face with evidence of Nazi atrocities. Auschwitz, Dachau, Treblinka, Buchanwald. History would later reveal the true horrors of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
21. With the passing of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the weight of war fell to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Chapter 3, *Achieving Victory in the Pacific:*** Explains that, while the Allies chose to win the war in Europe Hitler first, they fought concurrently against the Japanese in the Pacific. The major battles with the Japanese are explored, including Midway; Leyte Gulf; Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The program also discusses kamikaze attacks; the strategy of island-hopping; and other war strategies. The chapter concludes with the atomic bomb attacks on Japan and the subsequent

surrender of the Japanese.

**The Pacific Theater**

1. By the time President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assumed office in April 1945, the United States was winning the war against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and moving swiftly towards a land invasion of Japan’s home islands
2. In the Philippine Islands, Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was ordered to flee from a Japanese invasion – leaving behind 100,000 U.S. and Filipino
3. MacArthur vowed revenge. *U.S. General Douglas MacArthur said* “I shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
4. American spirits were lifted in April 1942 Colonel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led a successful bombing run on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. A month later, in the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, U.S. forces prevented a Japanese invasion of Australia.
6. In June 1942 the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was a major turning point in the war with Japan. From that point forward, the United States was on the offensive.
7. General MacArthur devised the strategy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fight the Japanese in thePacific.
8. By August 1944 in the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the U.S. prevailed, General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_had kept his promise to return.
9. The Japanese began using what they called the divine wind - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” attacks.
10. The U.S. would now need to capture the heavily fortified islands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When the last shots were fired, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Marines had died fighting on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.
11. Daily raids by American B-29 bombers began against Japan, in a single firebomb attack on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_innocent Japanese were incinerated.
12. Military advisors cautioned that a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_million American lives could be lost invading Japan.
13. Shortly after becoming President, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_learned of "The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Project" a code name for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powerful enough to destroy an entire city.
14. The Allies issued a final appeal to Japan’s military leaders to unconditionally surrender, this was known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Ultimatum.
15. On August 6th 1945 a B-29 bomber, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dropped the first atomic bomb on the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. A second atomic bomb was dropped on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leveling half the city and killing more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. On September \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Japan formally surrendered aboard the U.S. battleship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Tokyo bay. The war was finally over and the world celebrated.

**Chapter 4, *After the War***: Explores the aftermath of war in Europe and Japan with emphasis on the

pivotal actions that affected world affairs for the remainder of the century.

**Post War Changes:**

1. World War II was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_conflict in human history. More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers and civilians died during the fighting, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_U.S. soldiers.
2. The Holocaust alone claimed the lives of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_million.
3. In February 1945 Allied leaders met at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the Soviet Union to discuss Europe’s reorganization.
4. Other Postwar plans were laid at the conference in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Germany five months later.
5. Post-war Germany was divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ zones.
6. However, distrust between the Soviets and the Western Allies escalated, ushering in what would be called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. In 1946, an international tribunal tried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_leaders in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Germany.
8. Japanese military leaders were put on trial as well – including General Hideki \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The closing months of the war also saw the birth of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. After the war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was occupied by U.S. forces commanded by General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Post Video Questions**:

1. Describe the effects of World War II on everyday life at home in the United States, such as rationing, economic controls, employment, and racial equality.
2. Highlight three major turning points of war or military campaigns of the European Theater.
3. Highlight three major turning points of war or military campaigns of the Pacific Theater.
4. Describe the major events and changes that occurred at the end of WWII.