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8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Social Studies

World War II Homework  
Essential Questions

Chapter 26 Section 1

1. How did Benito Mussolini rise to power in Italy?
2. How did Adolf Hitler rise to power in Germany?
3. What type of rule did Hitler set up in Germany? Explain this type of rule.
4. Which regions did Hitler annex in the late 1930s? What was his justification?
5. How did Britain and France respond?

Chapter 26 Section 2

1. How was Germany able to conquer Poland so quickly?
2. What was America's position on the war prior to 1941? What steps did it take to strengthen its armed forces in preparation?
3. Why did America support the Allies? What was the Lend-Lease Act?
4. How did America respond to Japanese aggression? What was the Japanese response?
5. How did the United States respond to the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Chapter 26 Section 3

1. How did the government speed up mobilization for the war effort?
2. How did the government raise money for the war?
3. What sacrifices did civilians have to make to support the war effort?
4. Why did women enter the workforce during World War II? What jobs did they take?
5. What was A. Philip Randolph protesting against? How did Roosevelt respond?
6. How did Native Americans support the war effort?
7. What was the bracero program and why was it created?
8. Why did the United States relocate Japanese Americans to internment camps?

Chapter 26 Section 4

1. Explain the decision making process of choosing a place for the Allies to attack first.
2. Describe the movement of British, French, and American troops throughout Europe.
3. Explain why Germany had trouble fighting a war on two fronts.
4. What was the main turning point of the war on the eastern front? Why was it difficult for the German war effort to be successful in the Soviet Union?
5. Explain how the Allies liberated France from Nazi control.
6. Explain how the Germans persecuted Jews in Europe.

Chapter 26 Section 5

1. Explain the strategy of island hopping.
2. Define kamikazes and explain why they were used in battle.
3. Explain why the United States developed an atomic bomb and why it was used on Japan. Which cities was the bomb used on?