

## INTRODUCTION

*An assassination in Sarajevo in 1914 sparks a global conflict.* Over the course of the next thirty years, enormous bloodshed and destruction engulfs the world. Roosevelt. Hitler. Patton. Stalin. Mussolini. Churchill. Tojo. De Gaulle. MacArthur. *The World Wars™* shows how the experiences of these men during the World War I era shaped them as they rose to power as world leaders. While some harnessed their power in the name of democracy in World War II, others emerged as the most infamous villains the world has seen.

This series examines the two wars along one timeline starting in 1914 and continuing to 1945, covering key turning points along the way. Interviews with leading historians and contributors like General Colin Powell, former Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti, Senator John McCain and former British Prime Minister John Major shed light on this transformative era.

### Define the following terms:

Cavalry

Ideology

Casualty

Reparations

Guerilla

Armistice

Ruthless

Extremism

Amphibious

Propaganda

Redemption

Putsch

Militia

Blitzkrieg

Pacifist

Anti-Semitism

Attrition

Holocaust

## The World Wars, Night One: Trial by Fire

1. What do the German soldiers put on to protect themselves from gas?
2. How many people died in the 30 year period of war?
3. What did Adolf Hitler want to be in life?
4. The United States is fighting in what country while World War I is beginning?
5. What does George Patton want to use to assist the war effort?
6. How many men died per hour during World War I?
7. What was Winston Churchill's prominent role in World War I?
8. Which failed campaign caused Churchill to lose his position?
9. What is the German secret weapon?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ organize a revolution against the tsar of Russia.
11. The Communists take over Russia and do what in World War I?
12. Benito Mussolini begins his soldier career as a what?
13. February 26, 1915 – Who wrote a telegram to Mexico encouraging them to invade the U.S.?
14. What day is known as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I?
15. What was the name of Hitler's failed attempt to seize power in March 1923?
16. What was the term used to describe Germany's payments to other nations after World War I as punishment for its actions?
17. Senator McCain says that during times of economic stress or "when the economy is terrible", extremist groups are more likely to be created or gain power. Why do you think this is? What are some examples?

# THE WORLD WARS

## NIGHT TWO: A RISING THREAT

Which were the main countries that made up the Axis and Allied Powers during World War II?

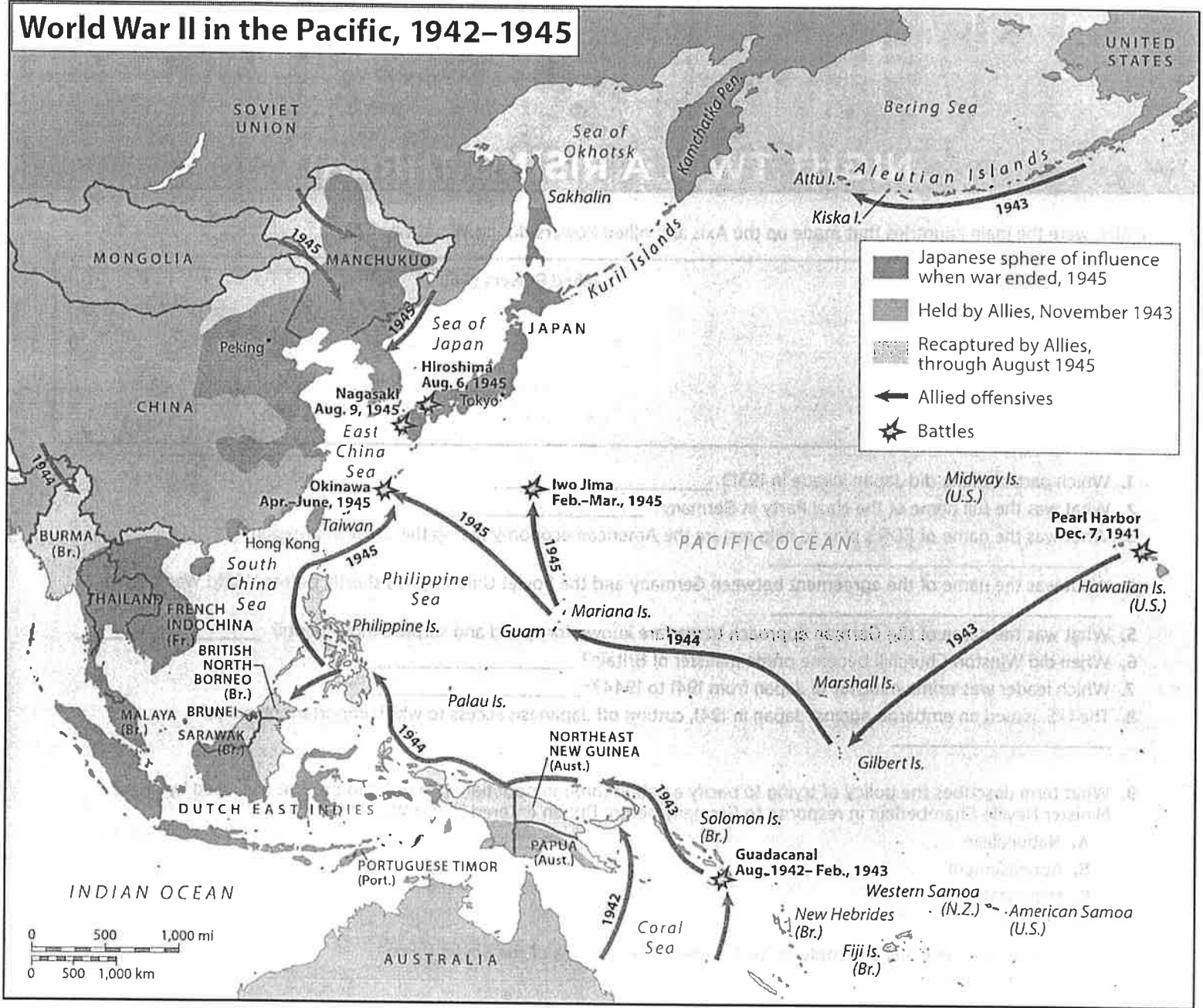
Axis Powers

Allied Powers (Allies)

- Which part of China did Japan invade in 1931? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the full name of the Nazi Party in Germany? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the name of FDR's plan to help restore the American economy during the Great Depression?  
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- What was the name of the agreement between Germany and the Soviet Union signed shortly before World War II started?  
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- What was the name of the German approach to warfare known for speed and surprise movements? \_\_\_\_\_
- When did Winston Churchill become prime minister of Britain? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which leader was prime minister of Japan from 1941 to 1944? \_\_\_\_\_
- The U.S. issued an embargo against Japan in 1941, cutting off Japanese access to which important resource?  
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- What term describes the policy of trying to pacify a nation through negotiation in order to prevent war, used by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in response to Germany before Britain entered World War II?
  - Nationalism
  - Appeasement
  - Militarization
  - Attrition
- Joseph Stalin sent millions of people to work camps in which area of the Soviet Union?
  - St. Petersburg
  - Moscow
  - Siberia
  - Murmansk
- What is the name of the air campaign launched by the Germans against Britain during the summer and fall of 1940?
  - Battle of Midway
  - Battle of Luftwaffe
  - Battle of Britain
  - Battle of Stalingrad
- Which military leader commanded the U.S. military in the Pacific right before and during World War II?
  - George S. Patton
  - Douglas MacArthur
  - George Marshall
  - Dwight Eisenhower

# NIGHT TWO | MAPPING ACTIVITY

## World War II in the Pacific, 1942-1945



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When did the attack on Pearl Harbor take place? Based on this map, why do you think the attack was strategically important for the Japanese?
2. Where are the Aleutian Islands located? Did you know there were battles that took place on U.S. soil during World War II?