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World War II Webquest

The purpose of this webquest is to help you get a feel for World War. The war took place in two arenas, or theaters, the Pacific with Japan, and Europe with Germany. This webquest does not attempt to sugar-coat what happened during this war. Some of the readings and pictures can be disturbing. If they bother you, just answer the question and move on. The point is that this was a war where millions of people were injured or killed. There is not a way to really soften the realities of war. To navigate through the webquest, you may need to use the back and forward arrows at the upper left hand side of your screen.

1. Read about the after-effects of World War I and the Treaty of Versailles

http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/treaty_of_versailles.htm

- a. how many people were killed

- b. who the Big Three were

- c. the four areas of the Treaty of Versailles

2. Go to the following site and scroll through the timeline.

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/timeline/ww2time.htm#stpaul>

A. What year did **Adolph Hitler** become the leader of the National Socialist Nazi Party? (Hint - look in the 1920's)

B. Go to 1925. Click on Mein Kampf. What does Mein Kampf mean? (Third or fourth paragraph)

C. What is an Aryan, according to Hitler? (Around the fourth paragraph)

D. What year did the Nazis hold a book burning? List some authors whose works were destroyed.

E. Scroll down to 1941. Look at December. What happened on Dec. 8 and Dec. 11?

F. Scroll to the very end. Click on the **Statistics of World War II**.

Which country had the most fatalities?

Which country lost the largest percentage of its population?

How many countries were involved with World War II?

3. Now go to http://www.historyonthenet.com/WW2/japan_internment_camps.htm.

Define Internment:

What was the purpose of the Internment camps?

Where were most of these camps in the US?

4. Go to the following website: <http://www.hiroshima-remembered.com/photos/>

Click through the pictures. Read the captions under the pictures. Explain your thoughts on how the Japanese must have felt immediately after the **Atomic Bomb** was dropped on them.

5. **Navajo code talkers** Go to: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/aihmcod1.html>

This site has information about the Navajo code talkers.

Who came up with the idea to use Navajo?

Why?

Why were the code talkers heroes?

6. **Concentration camps.**

A. <http://history1900s.about.com/library/holocaust/blmap.htm>

This site has a map of all the concentration and extermination camps.

1. What was the camp to the furthest point north?
2. Where was the first camp built?
3. Which country had the most camps?

B. Go to: <http://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/resource/gallery/gallery1.htm>

Look at the photo galleries for Auschwitz-Birkenau and Dachau.

What disturbed you most about these photographs?

C. Go to <http://history1900s.about.com/library/holocaust/blchart.htm>

This chart shows all the camps, concentration and extermination.

What was the difference?

How many did the U.S. shut down?

7. **D-Day** Go to: http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/world/d-day/_newsid_3754000/3754731.stm

What was D-Day?

Why was it called D-Day? (use the link)

8. Go to <http://regentsprep.org/regents/global/themes/change/ww.cfm>

What was the benefit of rebuilding Japan and Germany after WWII?

What happened to the former colonial possessions of Europe?

How did the end of WWII set the stage for the Cold War.