**Edmund Burke Academy/Online Lesson**

**U.S. History**

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***World War II*** (to accompany PPT, need research/review materials or internet) This is not comprehensive but is a concession to our current situation. I have posted videos of this material on my website…please watch so you can hear my commentary.

**Note:** Download this document and type your answers beneath each question. Save and attach as an email. Do it this way so you will have a copy to study. Please be thorough in your answers; dates are necessary and complete explanations required.

**PART 1**

1. What incident is described on the title slide of the PPT presentation: *World War II*?

Date?

1. Why did American pursue a policy of isolationism following World War I?
2. What was the Stimson Doctrine?

How was it a reaction to the 1932 Japanese invasion of China?

How did it signal a failure of the League of Nations?

1. What were the Neutrality Acts attempting to achieve?
2. List/explain 5 reasons why Germany was dissatisfied with the Treaty of Versailles ending WWI.
3. What did Japan want in Manchuria?

What did Japan do when censured by the UN for their actions in Manchuria?

1. What African country did Italy invade?
2. Why did the Nationalist/Fascist side win in the Spanish Civil War?
3. Why was the little town of Guernica bombed by the Germans?
4. Who painted the cubist mural, *Guernica*?
5. When did Hitler pull out of the League of Nations?
6. Why did Hitler and Mussolini call themselves the “axis” powers?
7. What excuse did Hitler use for invading the Sudetenland?
8. What did Hitler demand at the Munich Conference?

What was British Prime Minister Chamberlain’s impression of Hitler?

1. Why did hated enemies, Hitler and Stalin, sign a neutrality pact?
2. What strategy did the Germans use in the invasion of Poland?

What two weapons were used to achieve that strategy?

1. What was so remarkable about the “Miracle at Dunkirk?” (don’t just copy the slide…)
2. What was France’s Vichy government? Who headed the government?

Who lead the Free French AND what did they do?

1. What was the “cash and carry” program?
2. Why was Hitler’s Operation Sea Lion, the invasion of Great Britain, a failure?

Who paid tribute to the British pilots with the famous quote: *Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few*?

1. What is strategic bombing?

What was the 40 days/nights bombing of London called?

1. Where did Roosevelt and Churchill meet in secret to discuss the Atlantic Charter?
2. What was the American Lend-Lease program?

Who was it designed to help (what two countries for what reason)?

1. Describe the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Why did the Japanese not sink any U.S. aircraft carriers?

What was the response of the American public upon hearing of the attack?

1. Describe the Bataan Death March.

Why did the Filipinos pledge support to the U.S. during the war (2 reasons)?

**PART 2**

1. What was the German objective in North Africa?

Why was Field Marshall Irwin Rommel called the “Desert Fox?”

What controversial order did Patton give at El Alamein?

1. What was the German objective in Operation Barbarossa?

For how many days did they lay siege to Leningrad?

Why is Stalingrad called the “turning point” of the war in Europe?

1. Why did Jimmy Doolittle’s Raiders bomb Tokyo?
2. Why is Midway called the “turning point” in the war in the Pacific?

What amazing experience did Ensign Gay have during this battle?

1. What is pictured on the right side of Slide #9?

Why did German/Italian POW’s in America not have to use them?

Where was the closest POW camp to EBA?

Explain four of the many things women did to help the war effort.

Who was “Rose the Riveter?”

1. What was so unusual about the Tuskegee Airmen?
2. Who were the Windtalkers? What language did they speak?
3. Why did Italian partisans kill Mussolini and push for surrender to the Allies?
4. Why was the landing at Normandy so strategically important?

What role did each of the following play: Frogmen, Airborne troops?

What are “hedgehogs?”

Who was Fritz Niland and why was he unusual? (listen to my video!)

Who is on slide #20 and what did he do in the war?

1. What did Hitler threaten to do to Paris if the Allies got too close?
2. What is “island hopping?” Describe it.
3. At which conference did these powers demand Germany’s unconditional surrender?

What issues were addressed at the Yalta (or Crimean) Conference?

1. What gruesome discovery did American soldiers find on the island of Saipan?
2. Why did we need to take Iwo Jima before Okinawa?
3. What was our objective in taking Okinawa?

What was the casualty rate?

What was FDR’s Order 8802?

1. Who were the last defenders of Berlin?

What happened to Adolf Hitler?

1. What was the Manhattan Project?

Whose letter to FDR encouraged him to initiate the project?

What was Trinity One? Describe….

When were the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings? Why were these two cities chosen as targets?

What are “death shadows?”

1. Who was Robert J. Oppenheimer? What was his famous exclamation upon witnessing the first atomic bomb test?
2. Explain 3 reasons why Truman chose to exercise the nuclear option. Discuss FDR’s 1942 Order 9066 in detail.

What was his justification for this order?

Explain the ruling in Korematsu v. United States.

1. What did VE Day and VJ Day stand for? Dates?