1. List the dates of WWII
   
   1939-1945

2. How did the following lead to WWII
   
   a. Aggression of Totalitarian Powers—Dictators built up their armies
   b. Nationalism—Countries formed alliances and demanded obedience
   c. Treaty of Versailles—Extremely harsh to the Axis Powers
   d. League of Nations—Couldn’t enforce its rules
   e. Appeasements—France and England gave in to German Aggression
   f. Isolation policy of US—Failed to monitor the buildup of the Axis Powers

3. What was life like for civilians under Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin?
   
   No individual freedoms

4. What is Anti-Semitism?
   
   Hatred of the Jews

5. What was the non-aggression pact?
   
   Germany and the Soviet Union agreed not to attack each other and divide up Poland

6. What event sparked the war?
   
   Invasion of Poland

7. Describe Blitzkrieg
   
   Quick strike warfare with tanks and planes

8. How was Hitler able to defeat France? Which country entered the war to “help” defeat France?
   
   Hitler used Blitzkrieg and used the help of Italy

9. Who made up the Axis powers?
   
   Japan, Italy, Germany

10. Who made up the Allies?
    
    Soviet Union, Britain, United States

11. What area did Hitler and Mussolini focus on after Britain?
    
    Soviet Union

12. What operation did Hitler implement to conquer Russia?
    
    Barbarossa

13. What did Stalingrad stop the Germans from doing?
    
    Conquering the Soviet Union

14. When did Pearl Harbor occur?
    
    Dec 7, 1941

15. Why was the Battles of Midway important for the Allies?
    
    It was the turning point in the Pacific

16. Who was the Allies’ general in the Pacific?
    
    Douglas MacArthur

17. Who was the British Prime Minister during WWII?
    
    Winston Churchill

18. How were the Axis powers defeated in Africa? (What battle)
    
    El Alamein

19. When did Italy surrender?
    
    1944

20. Where and when did D-Day take place?
    
    June 6, 1944 Normandy France

21. What US general led the Allies during D-day?
    
    Dwight Eisenhower

22. Why was D-day significant?
    
    Turning Point in Europe

23. When did Germany surrender?
    
    May 7, 1945

24. Which cities were the Atomic bombs dropped on?
    
    Hiroshima Nagasaki

25. Who was the US president during most of WWII?
    
    FDR

26. Who was the president that dropped the bombs?
    
    Harry Truman
32. Who was the Emperor of Japan and his premier military general that attacked Pearl Harbor?

**Emperor Hirohito, General Tojo**

33. Describe the destruction caused by the bombs

**Cities were leveled and hundreds of thousands were killed instantly**

34. When did Japan surrender?

**August 1945**

35. What event marked the end of the war?

**Dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan**

36. Describe the destruction caused by WWII.

**Cities leveled, starving citizens, homeless, 50 million dead**

37. What were the Nuremberg Trials?

**Nazis tried for war crimes**

38. Who was tried?

**German Nazis**

39. Who occupied Germany after the war?

**U.S., Soviet Union, Britain, France**

40. How did the US and Russia differ in their plans for Germany?

**The U.S. wanted a democratic Germany while the Soviets wanted communism**

41. How did West and East Germany differ?

**East-Communist, West-Democratic**

42. Which side became democratic and a leading economic power? Who controlled this side?

**West Germany**

43. Which country controlled Japan after the war?

**U.S.**

44. Which general led the US occupation?

**Douglas MacArthur**

45. How did MacArthur help the Japanese economy?

**Westernized it and turned war companies into commercial**

46. What was Japan’s economic relationship with other Asian countries after reconstruction?

**Highest producing Asian country**

47. What was demilitarization?

**The disarming of a nation.**

48. How did Macarthur demilitarize Japan?

**He had the emperor behind his efforts.**

49. What type of government was recreated in Japan?

**democracy**

50. What was the United Nations?

**Int’l peacekeeping force**

51. What was its goal?

**To prevent wars**

52. Who served in the UN?

53. Who makes up the security council?

**US, Soviet Union, China, France, Britain**

54. Who got portions of Germany and Berlin?

**US, Soviet Union, France, Britain**

55. What is genocide?

**The specific elimination of a particular ethnic or religious group**

56. Why have the Jews been hated throughout history?

**Minority status, isolated people**

57. Why specifically were the Jews hated in Germany?

**Depression, nationalism**

58. Describe Hitler’s Master Race.

**Blonde Hair Blue Eyes**

59. Who was considered subhuman?

**Jews, homosexuals, Gypsies, the Disabled**

60. What was Hitler’s “Final Solution” for the Jews?

**Systematic extermination of all Jewish people in Europe.**

61. What two nations were the strongest following World War II?

**USA and USSR**