Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The End of WWII**

**Winning WWII**

* The Allies, made up of \_\_\_\_ nations including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, decided to crush Germany, then Italy and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Allies launched a massive invasion on \_\_\_\_\_\_ occupied Europe, known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* US General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ landed on the beach of Normandy, France with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allied soldiers.
* From there, allies pushed on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and then set their sights on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the east.

**The Battle of the Bulge**

* Dec 1944 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* As the allies moved toward Germany, they were halted in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Nazis created a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the allied lines.
* However, the allies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and continued on toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* This was the last major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Final Days**

* With allies closing in from both the east (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and west (British/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), Hitler committed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on April 30, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his underground \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were the first to reach Berlin and flew their flag from the top of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Allied soldiers discovered evidence of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and liberated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camps.
* VE Day: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + The Allies celebrate the end of the war in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**But the War was Only Half Over…**

* Although the war against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was won, most of Europe was in ruins. Thus, it was up to the United States to defeat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who refused to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (who took over when Roosevelt died in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) faced a difficult decision…*

Should the United States fight on with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?  
OR  
Should Truman order the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be dropped on Japan?

**A Decision is Made**

* On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1945, the United States used its massive, secret weapon against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
* This atomic bomb, equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tons of TNT, flattened the city, killing tens of thousands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *"The mushroom cloud itself was a spectacular sight, a bubbling mass of purple-gray smoke and you could see it had a red core in it and everything was burning inside. . . . [I]t looked like lava or molasses covering a whole city. . . ." The cloud is estimated to have reached a height of 40,000 feet.*

*- Staff Sergeant George Caron, tail gunner*

* Captain Robert Lewis, the co-pilot, stated,

*"Where we had seen a clear city two minutes before, we could no longer see the city. We could see smoke and fires creeping up the sides of the mountains.”*

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Hiroshima was destroyed.
* Within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles of the explosion, 60,000 of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buildings were demolished.
* Clay roof tiles had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had imprinted on buildings and other hard surfaces. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and stone had melted.
* The atomic bomb that exploded over Hiroshima killed civilian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in addition to soldiers.
* Hiroshima's population has been estimated at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ died immediately from the explosion and another 70,000 died from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within five years.
* *“The appearance of people was . . . well, they all had skin blackened by burns. . . . They had no hair because their hair was burned, and at a glance you couldn't tell whether you were looking at them from in front or in back. . .their skin - not only on their hands, but on their faces and bodies too - hung down. . . . If there had been only one or two such people . . . perhaps I would not have had such a strong impression. But wherever I walked I met these people. . . . Many of them died along the road - I can still picture them in my mind - like walking ghosts.”*

**A Second Bomb is Dropped**

* While Japan was still trying to comprehend this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three days later, the United States struck again, this time, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* A dense column of smoke rises more than 60,000 feet into the air over the Japanese port of Nagasaki, the result of an atomic bomb, the second ever used in warfare, dropped on the industrial center August 9, 1945, from a U.S. B-29 Superfortress.
* With a population of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people died by the end of the year.

**Final Surrender**

* On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Japan finally agreed to surrender. This brought an end to \_\_\_\_ years of fighting and devastation across the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.