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World War II - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following is a characteristic of fascism?

- A. Military dictatorship
- B. Nationalist sentiment
- C. Exploitation of people's fear
- ☒ D. All of the above

2. Who was the prime minister of Italy in 1922?

- A. Romano Prodi
- ☒ B. Benito Mussolini
- C. Bettino Craxi
- D. Pietro Badoglio

3. How did Adolf Hitler win the support of the German people?

- A. He formed a secret alliance with the Japanese.
- ☒ C. He blamed groups like the Jews for Germany's economic and social problems.
- B. He created the New Deal to fix Germany's economic and social problems.
- D. He gave speeches supporting tolerance of different ethnic and religious groups.

4. What event directly caused the United States to join WWII?

- A. The discovery of concentration camps in Europe
- ☒ D. The bombing of Pearl Harbor
- B. The sinking of American warships by German U-boats
- C. Hitler's invasion of Poland

5. What happened on D-Day?

- A. The US dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- ☒ B. Efforts to liberate France and Italy from Germany's control began.
- C. Germany surrendered to the Allies.
- D. Russia declared war on Japan.

6. True or False: Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union was a successful tactic.

A. True

☒ B. False

7. Which famous historical figure first told President Roosevelt about the possibility of creating an atomic bomb?

A. Thomas Edison

C. Benito Mussolini

☒ B. Albert Einstein

D. Adolf Hitler

8. What happened in late April and early May of 1945?

A. France and Italy were liberated from Germany's control.

C. Germany invaded Poland, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France.

B. Hitler first rose to power.

☒ D. Germany surrendered, and Hitler committed suicide.

9. How did the US respond when Japan refused to surrender?

A. By invading ships near the coasts of Japan

☒ C. By dropping atomic bombs on Japan

B. By surrendering to Germany

D. By refusing to sign the peace treaty

10. What year did Japan surrender?

A. 1944

C. 1946

☒ B. 1945

D. 1947