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# World War II

*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.** In the decade leading up to WWII, America \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. was interested in getting involved in the war to stop the spread of fascism
- B. was trying to recover from the Great Depression
- C. attacked a Japanese naval base
- D. was governed by President Harry S. Truman

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

- A. He formed a secret alliance with the Japanese.
- B. He created the New Deal to fix Germany's economic and social problems.
- C. He blamed groups like the Jews for 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
- B. the sinking of American warships by German U-boats
- C. Hitler's invasion of Poland
- D. the bombing of Pearl Harbor

**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. Which of the following was a reason that Truman decided to drop atomic bombs on Japan?**

- A. An invasion of Japan could have cost up to 1 million American soldier lives.
- B. Japan was threatening to drop atomic bombs on US naval bases.
- C. Truman did not know how destructive the atomic bombs would be.
- D. Truman wanted to scare Germany into surrendering.

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

- A. Thomas Edison
- B. Albert Einstein
- C. Benito Mussolini
- D. Adolf Hitler

**8. What was the major decision that President Truman faced in 1945?**

- A. whether to take over for President Roosevelt
- B. whether to surrender to Germany
- C. whether to drop atomic bombs on Japan
- D. whether to declare war on Japan

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

- A. France and Italy were liberated from Germany's control.
- B. Hitler first rose to power.
- C. Germany invaded Poland, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands and France.
- D. Germany surrendered, and Hitler committed suicide.

**10.** What was the purpose of the original concentration camps built in the early 1930s?

- A. to exterminate groups like Jews, gypsies and gay people
- B. to imprison groups like Jews, gypsies and gay people and have them perform slave labor
- C. to be Adolf Hitler's headquarters during the war
- D. to imprison Allied forces captured during the war