**World War II Movie – Part 1**

**Start of WWII: Sept. 1, 1939 (invasion of Poland)**

**Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941)**

1. What advantage did Japan have?
2. Describe the attack at Pearl Harbor and the damage done.
3. What were the two major flaws in the attack?

**The Sleeping Giant Awoken**

1. What was the affect on the American population (in terms of public opinion)?
2. When the US joined the war, who was winning?
3. Why did FDR choose to fight the Nazis first?

**Battle of the Atlantic** (at its height from mid-1940 – 1943)

1. What was German Admiral Doenitz’s plan to defeat GB?
* *GB is LOSING the Battle of the Atlantic – Churchill knows he needs US help to win*
1. How was the deal that FDR and Churchill made a mixed bag for Churchill?
* *Dec. 1941: America joins war and joins Britain in Battle of the Atlantic 🡪 DISASTER*
1. What was the most critical factor in allowing the Allies to get the upper hand in the Battle of the Atlantic?
2. What was the Tizard Mission?
3. What factors led the Allies to win the Battle of the Atlantic?

**American Industry**

1. What happens to factories in the US?

**War in the Pacific**

* *W/in 6 months of Pearl Harbor, Japan has near dominance in Pacific*

**Midway**

1. What is one of the most important reasons why America wins in the Pacific?
2. Why was the Battle of Midway significant?

**War in Europe**

1. What is proving to be one of the determining factors for victory?

**Battle of Britain** (June 1940)

*Luftwaffe = German air force*

*RAF = Royal Air Force 🡪 British air force*

1. What is the Battle of Britain?
2. When Germany gives up in the Battle of Britain, what do they turn to instead?

**Importance of air dominance – and other strategy**

1. Why was it important that American planes were joining the war?
2. Why did the US use daytime raids instead of nighttime raids? Why did that end up being a problem (example of Schweinfurt–Regensburg mission)?
3. Once the US has air dominance using the P-51, what do they begin to target and WHY?
4. Why does Hitler want to take over the Caucuses?

**Eastern Front** (Operation Barbarossa, begins June 1941)

1. Why did Hitler plan to attack the Soviet Union (TWO major reasons)?
2. Describe what happened at Hitler’s troops moved into the Soviet Union.

**Battle of Stalingrad** (Aug. 1942 – Feb. 1943)

1. Why did Hitler want to fight at Stalingrad?
2. Describe the Battle of Stalingrad
3. What is the result of the battle of Stalingrad?
4. Why is the eastern front vital to the Allies?
5. Why were the Soviets able to halt the German advance?

**Battle of Kursk** (July – Aug. 1943)

1. What was the outcome of the Battle of Kursk?
2. Why was the outcome of the Battle of Kursk a nightmare for Hitler?
3. Why was Stalin frustrated with the other Allies?

**World War II Movie – Part 2**

**North Africa – Operation Torch** (began Nov. 1942)

1. Why did FDR decide to send troops to North Africa before going to mainland Europe?
2. Describe the US army and the attitudes of those who enlisted
3. Operation Torch was practice for what?
4. What went wrong in the landing in North Africa?
5. How was the loss at Kasserine Pass the best thing that could have happened to the US Army?

**War in the Pacific**

1. What was the philosophy of the Japanese military in terms of surrender/defeat?

**Battle of the Philippine Sea**

1. What advantages does the US have over the Japanese?
2. What is no longer a factor after the Battle of Mariana Islands and Battle of Philippine Sea?
3. As the Americans fight the Japanese, what do they learn about the soldiers and civilians?

**Fire bombing of Tokyo –** to destroy industrial power of Japan

1. Describe the Fire Bombing of Tokyo

**War in Europe**

 ***D-Day*** (Operation Overlord, June 6, 1944)

1. What did the D-Day invasion represent?
2. Where was the D-Day invasion launching from and going to?
3. What did D-Day need to succeed? (4 things)
4. What did Operation Fortitude do for the Allies?
5. What was the Atlantic Wall?
6. Describe the experience of the D-Day invasion
7. What was the result?

**Post-D-Day**

1. What happens in the weeks following the D-Day invasion?

**Battle of the Bulge**  (Dec. 1944 – Jan. 1945)

* *Last big battle for Hitler/Germany – they LOSE*
* *Retreat and eventually surrender in April 1945*

**War in the Pacific**

**Iwo Jima** (Feb.-March 1945)

1. How did Japanese soldiers’ refusal to surrender change American battle tactics?

**Okinawa** (April-June 1945)

1. Describe the invasion of Okinawa
2. What were the results of the battle?