WORLD WAR II notes Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Road to War**

1. The Great Depression affected the entire world
2. Industrial countries like Germany, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and Japan were especially hurt
3. People were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. People looked to strong leaders to help them recover
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- America’s great leader
6. Dictators came to power elsewhere
   1. Hitler- Germany
   2. Mussolini- Italy
   3. Military Dictatorship- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Germany and Italy teamed up to form the Axis Powers
8. Germany also signed a treaty with the Soviet Union
9. Japan decided to try to revive their country by attacking their Asian neighbors

AGGRESSORS- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**War Begins in Europe**

1. Italy and Germany attacked and conquered their neighbors
2. Great Britain was attacked last at the “Battle of Britain”
3. Japan invades French-owned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**America’s Position**

1. Followed a policy of isolationism or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Most US citizens thought the US shouldn’t be involved
3. We did help “friendly nations” by providing aid to the allied powers
4. Until…. German subs sunk American military ships
5. And… Japan attacked Pearl Harbor Dec 7 1941 “a day that will live in infamy”
6. We had no choice but to officially declare war on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. So \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and Italy declared war on the US, because Japan was their ally

**War on the Homefront**

1. Increasing Production Meant…
   1. a complete change in production
   2. that factories produced war items instead of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_items.
   3. that production increased beyond anything in the past.
2. Sacrifice: Scarcity caused shortages.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was the result of the shortages.
4. Methods were used to supplement shortages.

**War Jobs**

1. As the men went to war, male dominated jobs became vacant.
2. Women stepped in to fill these traditionally male jobs.
3. EXAMPLES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Rosie the Riveter was the most visible form of propaganda for women “We can do it!”

**Financing the War**

1. The government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_more than it received in taxes.
2. The government sold war bonds to raise money.
3. People bought war bonds as an investment.
4. War is expensive!

**Censorship…**

1. rose out of a need to restrict information to the enemy.
2. focused on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. was a voluntary restriction on freedom of speech.

**The Beginning of the End**

1. Invasion of Italy
   1. The allied forces (including the \_\_\_\_\_\_) invaded Italy in July 1943. Italy almost immediately surrendered.
   2. Now it was time to turn to the last of the Axis powers: Germany and Italy

2. D-day

1. The allies had to invade neutral semi-neutral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to draw Germany to them. They attacked on the beaches of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. This is known as D-Day.
2. There were hundreds of thousands of men killed, but the invasion was successful.

**Victory in Europe**

1. Important battles weaken Germany… the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was the worst for them.
2. After these defeats, Hitler took his own life and the Germans surrendered on May 7 1945.
3. War in Europe was finally over!
4. President Roosevelt dies in office before the surrender ☹
5. Germany surrenders officially on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, known as V-E day was the end of the war in Europe. (**V**ictory in **E**urope).
6. Now we had to focus on beating those pesky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…

**Atomic Bomb=The End in Japan**

1. The hydrogen bomb was developed during the war in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But some scientists/spies told the US about it, so we developed our own.
2. This project was known as the “Manhattan Project”
3. After testing it successfully, Harry Truman (new president) decided it would be the only way to defeat Japan and end the loss of American lives.
4. It was first dropped on Hiroshima, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. It was next dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.
6. Japan was forced to surrender due to indescribable destruction and loss of life.

\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the end of the war in the Pacific; Japanese signed a formal surrender.

**Americans Come Home**

1. Great losses
2. U. S. fared better than most countries
3. Pulled out of depression by military spending
4. Changed greatly
5. Ready for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Since the war raged outside the United States, there was no devastation. War spending jump-started the economy and pulled the country out of the Great Depression. Workers earned higher wages than ever before. Women had been given new opportunities. When the soldiers started coming home they found a country that had focused its vast resources on production of military goods. This productive capacity would now be focused to make the people of America more prosperous and raise their standard of living. The country was poised for a greater prosperity than it had ever experienced before.