

TEST – WORLD WAR II

1. When did World War II start and when did it end ? **1939 - 1945**
2. How did the war start? Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939
3. Name a few of the causes of World War II : **new nations emerged after World War I ; unstable peace in Europe;Germany and Austria had to pay war damages; economic problems, Great Depression, rise of the Nazis, they blamed Jews for all the problems**
4. What were the Axis powers? **Germany, Italy and Japan**
5. Why was Hitler angry at the Allies after the end of World War I? **Germany and Austria were unfairly treated; they had to pay a lot of money and give up land**
6. What was the emblem of the National Socialist Party? **swastika**
7. Where did Hitler write his book “*Mein Kampf*” ? **when he was in prison**
8. When did Hitler gain absolute power in Germany ? **January 1933**
9. What were the “*Hitler Youth*” ? **youngsters who admired the Führer and sang songs and chanted slogans in his honour**
10. How did life end for Hitler ? **he committed suicide in his bunker in 1945**
11. What was the Blitzkrieg? **the fast advance of German troops; they invaded Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries in 1940**
12. When did the Battle of Britain take place? **in the summer of 1940**
13. How did Germany try to stop supplies coming to Europe from the United States? **U-boats attacked American ships in the Atlantic**
14. What did the Allies use to locate German submarines? **sonar**
15. What happened during the Holocaust? **the systematic killing of 6 million Jews**
16. Who else did the Nazis persecute ? **gypsies, homosexuals, physically and mentally disabled people**
17. What happened on “*The Night of Broken Glass*” ? **Nazis destroyed Jewish synagogues and other Jewish places all across Germany**
18. The most famous Jewish ghetto in Europe was in **Warsaw**
19. What happened at the Wannsee Conference? **the “Final Solution” was agreed upon; all Jews were to be killed**

TEST – WORLD WAR II

20. What happened to the people at concentration camps? **they became slaves; had to work ; they were killed in gas chambers of death camps**
21. What did the UN do for homeless Jews after the war? **a new state, Israel, was created**
22. What was the German invasion of the Soviet Union called ? **Operation Barbarossa**
23. What happened when Germany attacked the Russians at Stalingrad? **the Russians drove the Germans back and defeated them**
24. Where was the American Pacific fleet stationed? **Pearl Harbor**
25. Who was the Allied Commander on D-Day ? **Dwight D. Eisenhower**
26. In which way did the Allied invasion surprise the Germans? **the Germans thought the Allied invasion would take place much farther north, between Dover and Calais**
27. What was the Manhattan Project? **a secret program to develop an atomic bomb**
28. Who became American president in the last phase of the war ? **Harry Truman**
29. Over which Japanese cities were the atomic bombs dropped ? **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**
30. Why was Joseph Goebbels an important figure during the war? **he controlled the media**
31. Why were American women important for the country's success in World War II ? **they worked in war production because men had to move to the front**
32. What are resistance groups and what did they do during the war? **they tried to overthrow people in power and dictators in the Axis countries; they produced illegal newspapers and tried to inform people**
33. Why did Germans listen to the BBC ? **they received real facts about the war**
34. How was Germany divided after the war? What happened to Berlin ? **Germany was divided into four sectors; Berlin also became a divided city**
35. What is the Iron Curtain ? **the border between the free countries of western Europe and the Communist countries of Eastern Europe**
36. What happened to high Nazi officials? **they were arrested and had to face war trials at Nuremberg**
37. Who became French leader after the war ? **Charles de Gaulle**