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American Casualties (Dead and Wounded) in Selected Pacific Theater Battles in World War II

Directions:

1. Using the chart provided and the grid above created a bar graph or a line graph illustrating the amount of American casualties (dead and wounded soldiers and Marines) in several battles against the Japanese.

2. Be sure to include a title, labels, appropriate numerical values, color and a key for your graph

3. Using the graph make a prediction of American casualties for an invasion of mainland Japan. Include this prediction on the graph

4. On the back of this paper please write a short three paragraph response to the prompt given on the back.

Prompt: Use the graph you created to make a prediction about the invasion of Japan. American planners used data like this to make decisions about the conduct of the war. If you were one of those planners would you have ordered an invasion of Japan? Why or why not? If not, how would you have ended the war? If so, how would you explain to the American people the extreme casualties suffered there? Make sure you discuss the “trends” shown in the graph in your response.