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WWII in the Pacific – The War on Japan.
Guided Reading Activity – Selected Parts of Chapter 14 Sections 2, 4 and 5

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the Blanks In the space provided; write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook and employ your ability to think to fill in the blanks.

The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 2 on pages 494 – 497.

1. The United States had several carriers in the Pacific, and the commander of the United States Navy in the Pacific, Admiral _____, was determined to use them.
2. A few hours after they bombed Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attacked American airfields in _____.
3. When the forces defending the Bataan Peninsula surrendered in April of 1942, nearly _____ of them were forced to march _____ to a Japanese prison camp. Thousands died on this march, which came to be known as the _____.
4. President Roosevelt wanted to bomb Tokyo as payback for Pearl Harbor but Japanese ships in the _____ prevented carriers from getting close enough to Japan to launch their _____.
5. After the Doolittle raid, the Japanese decided the American fleet had to be destroyed to protect _____ from bombing, and they ordered all but three carriers to prepare for an assault on _____.
6. The Japanese did not know that an American team of _____ had already broken their _____ for conducting naval operations.
7. Unaware that they were heading into an _____, the Japanese launched their aircraft against Midway on June 4, 1942.
8. Midway is considered a _____ in the war in the Pacific just like Stalingrad was against Germany.

The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 4 on pages 512 – 515.

9. The first part of America's two-pronged attack on Japan called for the Pacific Fleet to hop from _____ to _____, closer and closer to mainland _____.
10. The geographical problem with the central Pacific was that many of the islands were _____, and the water over them was not always deep enough to allow regular landing craft to get to the shore. For this reason the Marines began using the _____ which could drive ashore and not get stuck.
11. American military planners wanted to use the _____ as a base for a new heavy bomber, the _____, nick-named the _____, that could reach Japan from these islands.
12. The Battle of _____ was the largest naval battle in the history of mankind, and the first time that the Japanese resorted to using _____ attacks.

The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 5 on pages 520 – 524.

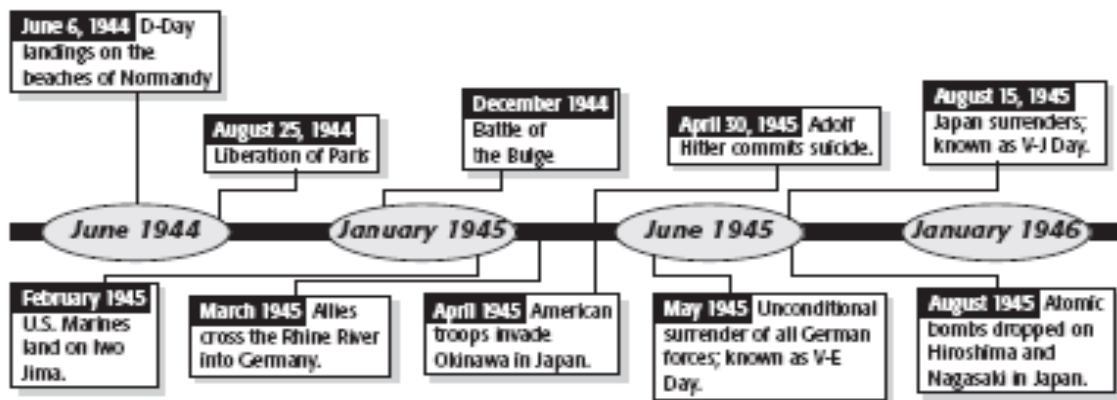
13. When President Roosevelt died _____ became the new President of the United States.
14. So that the B-29 bombers would have enough fuel for more efficient bombing of Japan, American leaders believed the starting point for the bombers needed to be the island of _____.

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15. In the battle to take Iwo Jima, more than _____ United States Marines were killed.
16. The _____ of Tokyo killed over 80,000 people and destroyed more than 250,000 buildings.
17. As a base from which to invade Japan, America needed the island of _____ which was inside of Japan's main archipelago (chain of islands).
18. The secret American program to build an _____ was code-named the _____. Americans felt they were in a race with _____ to build this type of bomb.
19. The Allies threatened Japan with _____ if the nation did not surrender unconditionally, but the Japanese did not reply.
20. Faced with massive destruction from the bombs and the shock of the _____ finally joining the war against them, the Japanese emperor ordered his government to surrender on _____. This has been referred to as _____ Day which stands for _____.



On (1) _____, a day known as (2) _____, the Allied invasion of France began with landings on the beaches of Normandy. On (3) _____, the Allies liberated Paris from Nazi control. Another famous battle, the (4) _____, took place just a few months later, in December 1944, when German troops pushed west against the Allied forces, causing the German's lines to bulge outward.

In March 1945, the Allies discovered a bridge across the Rhine River that was still intact. They crossed the bridge, pushing German forces back toward Berlin. On April 30, 1945, the Nazi leader (5) _____, sensing imminent defeat, committed suicide. A week later, in May 1945, (6) _____ forces surrendered to the Allies. May 8, 1945, became known as (7) _____, or Victory in Europe Day.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific, U.S. Marines landed on the island of (8) _____ in February 1945. And in (9) _____, American troops invaded Okinawa. Three months later, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of (10) _____ and (11) _____. On August 15, 1945, the Japanese (12) _____. World War II was over.