

## **US History**

### **World War II – Europe**

#### **Questions To Consider**

#### **Outbreak of WWII**

1. What did Hitler do to officially end European appeasement and start WWII?
2. Why was the nonaggression pact between Stalin & Hitler surprising?
3. Why was the Blitzkrieg successful while the Schlieffen Plan from WWI was not?

#### **Pearl Harbor**

1. What was the source of conflict between Japan and the United States prior to Pearl Harbor?

#### **Life At Home**

1. How did the economy and government change in the U.S. after the start of WWII?
2. How did civilians on the home front help the war effort?
3. How were minorities discriminated against during the war?

#### **Early Fighting**

1. Why were the allied victories at Stalingrad & El Alamein a significant part of the war?

#### **Mediterranean & The Atlantic**

1. Where was the first front of WWII?
2. How did the Allies plan on opening a second front in WWII?
3. What enabled the Allies to win the Battle of the Atlantic?

#### **Operation Overlord (Normandy)**

1. Why did allies believe the time was right to open the third front at Normandy?
2. Identify the first part of the invasion and the second part.
3. Identify the three fronts that had developed after the invasion.

#### **The Holocaust**

1. The concentration camps are the most well-known part of the holocaust, what else did the Nazi's do to the Jewish population in Europe?
2. What aspects of European culture made the holocaust possible?

#### **The Defeat of Germany**

1. Where does the Battle of the Bulge get its name?
2. Which allied leader wanted to beat the Soviets to Berlin?
3. Which one was unwilling to try?
4. Why did they have this disagreement?