

Applied Practice

***The United States at
War: World War II
STAAR U.S. History EOC***

RESOURCE GUIDE

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Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1 Involvement in World War II —

- A** sank the United States into a recession that would forever change the welfare system
 - B** changed the foreign policy of the United States from isolationism to interventionism
 - C** ended racism and segregation in the United States in reaction to the atrocities practiced by the Third Reich
 - D** depleted America's military force, making it the 20th largest military in the world
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2 Which of the following was NOT a fascist leader attempting to build national power through conquest during World War II?

- F** Winston Churchill
 - G** Hideki Tojo
 - H** Adolf Hitler
 - J** Benito Mussolini
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3 The naval commander who believed the defeat of Japan would come from taking one small Pacific Ocean island at a time until the U.S. was within flying range of Japan itself was —

- A** Dwight Eisenhower
- B** Douglas MacArthur
- C** Omar Bradley
- D** Chester Nimitz

- 4 The purpose of Operation Overlord was to —
- F gain strategic French ports for Allied troops to use in the battle against Germany
 - G recapture France and increase the size of the Allied forces through the addition of French troops
 - H open a second war front in Europe and weaken the German forces by dividing them between the fight against Russia and the fight in France
 - J demonstrate the power and skill of the Allied air force and convince Germany to surrender unconditionally
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- 5 In March 1939, Hitler violated the agreement of the Munich Conference when he —
- A annexed Czechoslovakia
 - B formed an alliance with Mussolini
 - C signed an agreement to defend Russia
 - D sunk a merchant ship with submarine warfare
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- 6 After a battle in Bataan, Philippines, the cruelty of the Japanese military was demonstrated when —
- F women and children were tortured and killed as they lay in their beds
 - G seven thousand American and Filipino prisoners of war died while walking to trains that would take them to a prison camp
 - H four hundred Allied officers were bound, gagged, and tortured as the remaining prisoners of war watched
 - J seventy-five thousand British and French soldiers marched to their deaths in concentration camps
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- 7 Used during World War II, radar was a new technology that —
- A made flying B-52s much easier
 - B allowed soldiers to escape poisonous gas attacks
 - C slowed the speed of German's blitzkrieg style of warfare
 - D curtailed the dominance of German submarine warfare