

# BATTLES AND EVENTS OF WORLD WAR 2

## Adolf Hitler

- Named \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany in 1933
- Creates a \_\_\_\_\_ government
- Demands \_\_\_\_\_ or living space for German people

## Lebensraum

- Annexes \_\_\_\_\_ in 1938
- Next occupies the \_\_\_\_\_ and the following year all of Czechoslovakia

## Nazi-Soviet Pact

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Germany signs \_\_\_\_\_ pact with the Soviet Union
- Meant to keep \_\_\_\_\_ from entering a \_\_\_\_\_
- Agree to split \_\_\_\_\_ among themselves

## German Invasion of Poland

- \_\_\_\_\_
- German \_\_\_\_\_ overruns \_\_\_\_\_
- Quick \_\_\_\_\_ victory
- \_\_\_\_\_ declare war on Germany

## France's Maginot Line

- Massive \_\_\_\_\_ built along France's border with Germany after WWI

## The Fall of France

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Hitler's army moves through the Ardennes and around the \_\_\_\_\_
- Reach France's \_\_\_\_\_ in 10 days & France \_\_\_\_\_

## The Miracle at Dunkirk

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Allied forces pushed to the beaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- French & British troops rescued by \_\_\_\_\_

## The Battle of Britain

- Summer of \_\_\_\_\_
- German \_\_\_\_\_ makes nightly bomb raids over Great Britain
- New technology ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) allow British RAF to hold off Germany and prove Hitler can be stopped

## Operation Barbarossa

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ breaks non-aggression pact & invades the \_\_\_\_\_
- Soviet Union uses \_\_\_\_\_ Policy and holds back Germany at Leningrad
- Germany moves on to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## Stalingrad

- \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_
- Germany wanted to seize oil fields and capture \_\_\_\_\_
- German troops \_\_\_\_\_ to the Soviet Union due to starvation and cold

## Pearl Harbor

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ on the US in retaliation for cutting off their oil supply
- \_\_\_\_\_ ships sunk or damaged
- More than \_\_\_\_\_ killed & the US enters the war

## The Atlantic Wall

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ had massive defenses built along Europe's western coast against invasion

## D-Day

- Massive \_\_\_\_\_ of Europe planned by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is selected as the best location
- Invasion is \_\_\_\_\_
- Troops land in \_\_\_\_\_ to push into \_\_\_\_\_
- Largest \_\_\_\_\_ in history
- Leads to the eventual liberation of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

## The Liberation of Europe

- Allied soldiers push into \_\_\_\_\_ and free \_\_\_\_\_
- Soviet army closes in on \_\_\_\_\_ from the east
- \_\_\_\_\_ forces advance from the west
- The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ begins in April 1945
- Hitler \_\_\_\_\_ that month
- Germany \_\_\_\_\_ in May

## The Battle of Midway

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Japan targeted \_\_\_\_\_ to get the whole \_\_\_\_\_ to the island.
- US attack on Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ and was successful
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the war in the Pacific

## The Battle of Guadalcanal

- \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_
- Allies attacked Japanese airbase in \_\_\_\_\_
- Battle turned into a savage struggle & ended with more than \_\_\_\_\_

## Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

- \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_
- Brutal fighting over \_\_\_\_\_ close to Japan
- Extremely high \_\_\_\_\_ on both sides

## Hiroshima & Nagasaki

- \_\_\_\_\_
- President \_\_\_\_\_ informed an invasion of Japan might cost a million lives
- Dropping the \_\_\_\_\_ would be the \_\_\_\_\_ end to war
- Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ civilians died in the atomic bombs
- \_\_\_\_\_ fallout killed more. Led to Japanese surrender