**Conflict in the 20th Century**

**Chapter 17: World War II**

**Note & Study Items**

**European Theater**

* **Anschluss: what was it?**
* **Munich Conference: what was decided there?**
* **Winston Churchill: what leadership role did he have in WWII?**
* **Hitler-Stalin Pact: what is it also called & why did Hitler make this deal?**
* **How and when did World War II begin in Europe?**
* **Blitzkrieg: what was it, how did it work, who used it?**
* **Lend-Lease program: who started it, what was the purpose of it?**
* **Maginot Line: what was it, why/how did it fail?**
* **Dunkirk: how was what happened there a success for the Allies?**
* **Vichy France: what was it?**
* **Free France: what was it, who was its leader?**
* **Battle of Britain: reasons Hitler’s plan to invade Britain was canceled.**
* **Operation Barbarossa: reasons why Hitler’s invasion of the Soviet Union failed.**
* **Battle of El Alamein: outcome of the battle and its significance to the outcome of WWII.**
* **Battle of Stalingrad: outcome of the battle and its significance to the outcome of WWII.**
* **Normandy Invasion/Operation Overlord/D-Day: when was it, what was its goal?**
* **Ardennes Offensive/Battle of the Bulge: who attacked who, how did the events of the battle play out, and its significance to the outcome of WWII.**
* **Yalta Conference: who met there and what did they decide?**
* **Dresden: where is it, what happened to it?**
* **Women’s roles in various nations’ WWII war efforts: U.S., Britain, Germany, Soviet Union.**
* **The Holocaust: what was its goal, what was the outcome?**
* **Einsatzgruppen: what were they?**
* **Auschwitz-Birkenau: what was it?**
* **Nuremberg Trials: who was on trial and why?**

**Pacific Theater**

* **Rape of Nanking: what was it and which country did it?**
* **President Franklin Roosevelt: before the U.S. entered WWII, what did he do to try to force Japan to withdraw from its invasion of China?**
* **What action by Japan directly caused the U.S. to declare war?**
* **Bataan Death March: describe it and which country did it.**
* **Battle of Midway: outcome of the battle and its significance to the outcome of World War II.**
* **Battle of Guadalcanal: outcome of the battle and its significance to the outcome of WWII.**
* **Island hopping strategy: how did it work and which side used it?**
* **Battle of Iwo Jima: what is the battle known for, what was its outcome, and its significance to the outcome of WWII?**
* **March 1945 B-29 raid on Tokyo: what was the outcome/how much destruction did it cause?**
* **Battle of Okinawa: what is the battle known for, what was its outcome, and its significance to the outcome of WWII?**
* **Manhattan Project: what was it?**
* **Harry Truman: what was his role in ending World War II?**
* **Atomic bombings of Japan: why was the bombing deemed necessary, how were the targets chosen, which city was bombed first, why was a second city also bombed?**

**Other**

* **Be able to identify the major countries of BOTH the Axis Powers and the Allies.**
* **Potsdam Conference: who met there, what change did one of them announce from what was said at the Yalta Conference?**
* **Iron Curtain: what was it and who first used this term?**

**\*NOTE: On items where you need to know the “outcome of the battle,” that means (at minimum) that you should know which side won the battle and which side lost the battle. When it says you need to know the battle’s “significance to the outcome of WWII,” that means that you should know if the battle was a turning point (where one side started to win the war because it had won that battle), or if it was the last battle, or the biggest battle, or the battle where one side lost most of its best pilots, etc.**