

World War II

World War II took place between 1939 and 1945. It began when Germany, led by Adolf Hitler, invaded Poland. Hitler wanted to expand Germany's empire in order to restore the power that Germany had lost after World War I. Hitler also had ideological motivations. In his book Mein Kampf (My Fight), Hitler said that when he became ruler of Germany, he would get rid of all the Jewish people. Hitler wanted to breed a race of "perfect" people by getting rid of everyone who he thought was inferior or damaged in any way.

Questions

1. When did World War II take place?

   a. Between 2039 and 2045 b. Between 1939 and 1945

2. The first country to be invaded by Germany in WWII was:

   a. Italy b. Poland c. Japan d. Britain

3. Who was the leader of Germany?

   a. Adolf Hitler b. George Washington c. Thomas Jefferson

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The two opposing sides in World War II were called the Axis Powers and the Allied Powers. The Axis Powers formed between 1936 and 1940 as a result of several consecutive treaties. The first alliance was between Germany and Italy. Japan later joined this alliance by signing what became known as the Tripartite Pact. The first Allied Powers were Britain and France, who joined together to declare war on Germany when Germany invaded Poland. They were later joined by Russia. The United States had tried to remain neutral, but when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the United States, too, joined the Allies.

Questions

1. What were the opposing sides of WW2 called?

   a. NFC and AFC b. Axis Powers and Allied Powers c. NBC and ABC

2. Which of the following is NOT an Axis Power?

   a. France b. Germany c. Italy d. Japan

3. Which of the following is NOT an Allied Power?

   a. France b. Germany c. Russia Britain

Of the Axis powers, Italy was the first to surrender, in 1943. Germany was next, surrendering to the Allies in May of 1945. When the Japanese refused to surrender, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan, leveling the city. Three days later, a second atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. Japan surrendered to the Allies not long afterwards.

Questions

1. What was the first of the Axis Powers to surrender

   a.Germany b. Japan c. Italy

2. What did the US do when Japan refused to surrender?

   a. Made Japan dinner b. Played basketball with Japan c. dropped an atomic bomb on Japan

3. The last Axis Power to surrender was:

   a. France b. Germany c. Italy d. Japan

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Almost every country in the world had some role in World War II. More people were killed in World War II than in any other war that has ever been fought. This is partly due to the Holocaust: Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jewish people. As many as 17 million people, including Jewish and Polish people, Catholics, Serbs, and those who were ill or handicapped were murdered during the Holocaust.

Questions

1. T or F Most People were killed in WW2 than in any other war that has ever been fought.
   a. True b. False
2. The Holocaust was Hitler's attempt to:
   a. To expand Germany's empire b. To restore the power that Germany had lost after WW1
   c. to get rid of the Jewish People d. To become allied with Italy and Japan

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