

Chapter 24 – The March to Luzon

1. What did the Joint Chiefs envision for the Luzon and the southern part of the Philippines?
2. What was introduced on 25 October by the Japanese and what did it do?
3. How did MacArthur's communique on 30 October help FDR?
4. Why was the Leyte invasion not successful in its intended goal as an airbase?
5. On 12 January what did Adm. Halsey say about the significance of his attacks?

Chapter 25 – Philippine Liberation

1. How did MacArthur's attitude towards visiting troops differ between the Leyte operations and the Luzon campaign?
2. What did MacArthur and Nimitz argue over in mid-January and who won?
3. In, Burma, what was the Ledo Road renamed and for who?
4. What were the 2 deviations from the prewar Plan Orange before 1945 and after 1945?
5. At the meeting in Yelta, what were the goals for the British, Dutch and Joint Chiefs?
6. Why was MacArthur's plan to seize Palawan a bad idea?
7. MacArthur claimed that the Philippines were totally free on 5 July, in reality when did fighting stop?
8. Was the Philippines campaign necessary for the fall of Japan?

Chapter 26 – Iwo Jima

1. Why was Iwo Jima important for both sides?
2. Captain Forrest Sherman had the task of doing what while in San Francisco and what was the outcome?
3. The Marines wanted how many days of naval bombardment but only got how many and why?
4. Why couldn't Holland Smith control his emotions about sending Marines to Iwo Jima?
5. Col. William McKelvey Jr. insisted that no marine should leave Camp Lejeune without doing what?
6. Because the casualties were so high on Iwo Jima, the Joint Chiefs discussed using what type of weapon but who vetoed it?
7. How did the pro-MacArthur view the actions on Iwo Jima in comparison to how MacArthur won his battles?
8. What did the average battalion land with in on Iwo Jima in terms of officers and enlisted men and how many were still alive after the campaign?

Chapter 27 – Okinawa

1. Okinawa would serve as what for the US?
2. Why was the Okinawa campaign unique at its time?
3. What presented the biggest threat to Adm. Spruance's fleet?
4. What did the US call Lt. Gen. Ushijima's defensive positions?
5. Why was the Japanese battleship Yamato on what some call a planned suicide mission?
6. On Friday the 13th 1944, what news did US soldiers receive?
7. What weapon did GI's learn was the best against entrenched enemies?
8. What was the original purpose of the Okinawa campaign and did it achieve its purpose?

Chapter 28 – The Twentieth Air Force

1. Where were the first B-29s sent?
2. By the end of 1944, how many B-29's missions from China dropped bombs or mines near or on Kyushu and how many planes were lost?
3. What 3 things made the B-29s bombing runs more successful?
4. How much oil did Japan need a year to run the war and when did the last tanker reach Japan?

5. Before the first atomic bomb was dropped, how many Japanese cities were damaged by US B-29's?
6. What date did Gen. LeMay see as close to the end of the war and why did he pick that date?
7. What Percentage of Japanese boats were sunk due to B-29s mining missions?
8. How many B-29's were lost overseas, at home and how many men were killed and missing in action?

Chapter 29 – Japanese Surrender

1. What were Adm. King's 3 strategies to bring about the defeat of Japan?
2. Describe the past event that all West Point grads learned about, but MacArthur refused to remember when the Navy wanted to implement prewar Plan Orange?
3. What was Adm. Halsey's view about invading Japan and dropping the atomic bomb?
4. Why was Kyoto passed up as a choice to drop the atomic bomb on and what 4 sites were picked?
5. When did Stalin say that the Soviets would attack Japan and what did Adm. Leahy think why?
6. What were the 2 reasons why MacArthur was an easy choice for Truman?
7. Even after the 2 atomic bombs, why did some Japanese military officers still want to continue fighting?
8. On what date did the Japanese finally sign their surrender to MacArthur and Nimitz and it was aboard which battleship?

Chapter 30 – Looking Back

1. How did the US Gross Domestic Product compare to the rest of the world?
2. How did the GI Bill help broaden the middle class?
3. What 5 things were created due to the National Security Act of 1947?
4. In consideration of the time, what did the author say about using the atomic bomb?
5. How did World War II change things for women and minorities?