

FACT FINDERS: A Dateline Review

Define the Words

1. V-E Day

Victory in Europe - May 8, 1945
The war in Europe ends.

2. V-J Day

Victory in Japan - Aug. 14, 1945
War in the Pacific ends.

3. Potsdam Ultimatum

U.S., Russian, + English leaders meet in Potsdam, Germany and demand Japanese surrender.

4. rationing

Tells people how many goods they can buy

5. national debt

Money the U.S. owes - WWII cost the U.S. more than the taxes collected.

Time Scramble

Unscramble the following events. Put them in order from "what happened first" to "what happened last."

Dateline Events:

Japan surrenders [V-J Day]. Aug. 14, 1945

Japan takes the Philippines. May 1945

Battle of the Bulge is fought. Dec. 16, 1944

Atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima. Aug. 6, 1945

Germany is driven out of France [D-Day]. June 6, 1944

War in Europe is over [V-E Day]. May 8, 1945

1 Japan takes the Philippines

2 Germany driven out of France

3 Battle of the Bulge

4 V-E Day

5 Atomic bomb at Hiroshima

6 V-J Day - Japan surrenders

History Fill-In

Use the words below to fill in the blanks in these sentences.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Office of Price Administration

General Douglas MacArthur

taxes

Office of Science Research and Development

blacks

island hopping

- One way the U.S. got ready for war was to raise taxes.
- In the first two years of the war, blacks were turned away from wartime jobs.
- The Allied troops in the South Pacific were led by General Douglas MacArthur.
- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower led Allied troops in North Africa.
- The Office of Science Research & Development came up with the atomic bomb.
- The Office of Price Administration kept prices from getting too high during the war.
- Island hopping was the Allied attack plan.

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Making Connections

Match the following people, places, and events.

- H 1. relocation centers
E 2. Manhattan Project
J 3. D-Day
A 4. Big Four
I 5. Axis
B 6. Office of War Mobilization
F 7. Battle of the Bulge
C 8. Allies
G 9. Hiroshima and Nagasaki
D 10. Albert Einstein

- A. Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, and Chiang Kai-Shek
 B. Ran all the war departments to make sure they worked together
 C. Made up of 49 nations; led by China, Russia, U.S. and England
 D. Talked President Roosevelt into developing the atomic bomb
 E. Code-name for developing the atomic bomb in secret
 F. This battle was the German army's last attack
 G. Atomic bombs dropped here ended World War II
 H. Guarded camps where Japanese-Americans were sent to live
 I. Was led by Germany, Italy, and Japan
 J. The day of the Allied invasion at Normandy

History Mystery

Finished early? See if you can solve this History Mystery! You may use an encyclopedia, dictionary, or another resource book to help you.

QUESTION: What was the name of the airplane which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima?

Enola Gray

Short Answers

Write a short answer to each of these questions.

1. How did women help the war effort?
 1) Took men's jobs
 2) Joined the military - nurses, pilots, drivers
2. Why was the Allied take-over of Iwo Jima and Okinawa important?
 The Allies were now close enough to bomb Japan.
3. How did Roosevelt get the U.S. ready for war?
 1) Built a bigger army by drafting men
 2) Built a bigger navy by adding ships
 3) Asked factories to make 50,000 airplanes per year.

LOOKING BACK: A Dateline Review

Dateline Match

Match the following people, places, and events.

- E 1. V-J Day
- J 2. War Labor Board
- C 3. island hopping
- G 4. D-Day
- I 5. Italy
- D 6. Potsdam Ultimatum
- H 7. national debt
- B 8. War Manpower Commission
- A 9. V-E Day
- F 10. Manhattan Project

- A. The war in Europe ends
- B. Made sure there were people to carry on the war work
- C. The Allied attack plan to take key islands to use as bases to attack the next island
- D. Allied leaders sent Japan the message—surrender or be destroyed
- E. War in the Pacific ends
- F. By 1945 it had two bombs ready
- G. Eisenhower led the Allies to drive the Germans out of France
- H. Money the U.S. owes
- I. Surrendered after the Allies moved into Sicily
- J. Made sure workers were treated fairly

Definitions

Define these words.

1. Axis

Germany, Italy, and Japan
Goal—to take over countries in Europe + Pacific

2. Allies

U.S., England, Russia, China + 45 other countries
Goal—Stop the Axis powers from taking over the world.

3. Big Four

Leaders from the most powerful Allied countries:
U.S. - Roosevelt/Truman
England - Churchill
China - Chiang Kai-Shek
Russia - Josef Stalin

4. relocation centers

Guarded camps for Japanese-Americans from the West Coast

5. concentration camps

Camps for the elimination of six million Jews.

In Their Shoes

Pretend you are there. What would you do if . . .

1. You are President Truman. Would you give the order to drop the atomic bomb? (You know thousands of men, women, and children would be killed.) Explain your decision.
2. You are a kamikaze pilot. Would you be willing to fly your plane into a target and die for the good of your country? Explain how you feel about this.

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Table Talk

Use the empty table below to put this information in order.

Information:

- Hiroshima
- Eisenhower
- Einstein
- Roosevelt
- Churchill
- Chiang Kai-Shek
- Manhattan Project
- MacArthur
- Stalin

| Big Four members | Allied leaders | Atomic bomb |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Roosevelt Churchill Chiang Kai-Shek Stalin | Eisenhower MacArthur | Hiroshima Einstein Manhattan Project |

Riddle Madness

How history-wise are you? See if you can answer the Dateline Riddle below.

1. An Allied trip to France.
2. Eisenhower was the Allied "group leader."
3. This day is the fourth letter of the alphabet.

Your answer please:

D-Day

History Plugs

Use the words below to fill in the blanks in these sentences.

war

North Africa

Nagasaki

War Production Board

Okinawa

concentration camps

Office of Science Research and Development

1. The capture of Okinawa..... put the Allies about 350 miles from Japan.
2. The U.S. government raised taxes and sold war bonds to help pay for the war.....
3. The Office of Science Research & Development made sure new products and weapons were developed faster than the enemy could make them.
4. General Dwight D. Eisenhower led the Allied troops in
North Africa.....
5. Nazis killed six million Jews in concentration camps.....
6. The War Production Board... made sure the country had enough supplies to fight the war.
7. Nagasaki..... was the target of the second atomic bomb.