The End of World War II

VE Day

➢ VE Day = Victory in ___________ Day
➢ Generally marks the formal acceptance by the ___________ of World War II of Nazi Germany’s __________________________ of its armed forces.
➢ It thus marked the end of World War II in ___________.

Defeat of Japan

➢ After victory in Europe, full attention was given to the ___________.
➢ US was _________________ battles and destroying Japanese air force and navy but the Japanese kept __________________________.
➢ Invasion vs. Bomb?
  o Estimated an invasion would cost ________ million casualties
  o Japan had been using __________________________ since 1944-pilots who undertook suicide missions.
  o They would not surrender __________________________

The Atomic Bomb

➢ Military leaders planned for an _______________ while scientists developed the new “atomic bomb”.
➢ The __________________________ Project = development of the atomic bomb
➢ President __________________________ (FDR died while in office) meets with advisers and decides to use the bomb instead of an invasion.
➢ They issued a _______________ to Japan to surrender or face “utter and complete __________________________.”
➢ Japan __________________________ the deadline

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

➢ August 6, 1945, US plane the _______________ drops an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima.
  • ________ square miles flattened
  • Over _______________ people killed instantly
➢ August 8 - __________________________ declare war on Japan.
➢ August 9 - a __________________________ bomb is dropped on Nagasaki. Over _______________ people die.
➢ August 10 - the __________________________ of Japan forces the government to surrender
➢ September 2, 1945 - Treaty is signed aboard the __________________________. The war is over.
The Atomic Bomb

Dropping the ________________________ brought a quick end to the war. It also unleashed terrifying destruction.

Why did President Truman use the bomb?

Truman was convinced that Japan would __________ surrender without an invasion that would result in enormous ______________ of both American and Japanese lives.

Truman also may have hoped that the bomb would ______________ the Soviet Union with American power.

New WWII Technology

- Better:
  - ________________________
  - ________________________
  - ________________________
  - Ships-destroyers and carriers
  - __________ engines
  - Bombs (like the atomic bomb) and artillery
- ______________ and ______________ developed to detect planes and submarines

Answer the following questions:

1) In what ways did Hitler ignore the Treaty of Versailles?

2) At what stage do you think other countries should have attempted to stop Hitler by using force? Why do you think they did not?

3) How was Hitler able to take over Western Europe so quickly?

4) Why did he create problems for the German army by deciding to invade Russia?