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World War II and the Holocaust

Lesson 5 *World War II Ends*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. **Main Idea:** By the beginning of 1943, the tide of battle had turned against Germany, Italy, and Japan.

1. Detail: On June 6, 1944, known as _____, Allied forces under U.S. general _____ landed on the Normandy beaches in history's greatest naval invasion.

2. Detail: By August _____, Allied troops had liberated _____, France.

3. Detail: In 1943, the _____ defeated German forces in the Battle of _____, the greatest tank battle of World War II.

4. Detail: The island of _____ was essential to the air war against Japan, and the island of _____ provided the Allies with a base near the mainland.

5. Detail: On April 30, 1945, _____ committed suicide, and shortly after on _____, Germany surrendered.

6. Detail: The war in the Pacific finally ended on _____, shortly after the United States dropped atomic bombs on _____ and _____.

B. **Main Idea:** No real peace but a period of political and ideological tensions followed the total victory of the Allies in World War II.

1. Detail: The _____ wanted to create Soviet-friendly governments as a buffer-zone between the _____ and the _____.

2. Detail: Germany was divided into four zones, controlled by _____, _____, _____, and _____.

3. Detail: The Grand Alliance agreed to hold the _____ trials and establish the _____ but disagreed on the establishment of free elections in Eastern Europe.

4. Detail: Churchill claimed that an _____ had descended across Europe, and many Westerners suspected a _____ conspiracy.

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Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did World War II end and the Cold War begin?

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