

AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II

Victory in Asia

Objective 1:

How did the United States carry out its island-hopping plan?

- conquered strategically important islands
- cut off other islands
- some islands chosen as launching pads for invasion of Japan (map)

Objective 2:

How did the battles at
Iwo Jima and
Okinawa affect the
war?

Iwo Jima and Okinawa were incredibly difficult and bloody, and though the U.S. won, the fighting demonstrated that the Japanese would not surrender.

Objective 3:

What led the United States to use atomic weapons against Japan?

- enormous cost of an invasion
- continued Japanese resistance
- desire to demonstrate U.S. power to the Soviet Union
- Needed a “live” test

Objective 4:

What were the human
and economic costs of
World War II?

- killed millions of people and wounded many more
- resulted in the Holocaust

- destroyed economies of many nations
- ruined countless cities
- destroyed national infrastructures

The End

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