

World War Two Essay Questions

Choose 5 of the following questions to answer. Must choose at least one from each group. Then choose an extra.
(15 points each)

Early Difficulties

1. What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Allied Powers and Axis Powers in 1941?
2. What steps did the United States take to prepare for war?
3. Where did the Japanese military attack after Pearl Harbor?
4. What were the early turning points of the war in the Pacific?
5. What were the major battles in Europe and North Africa in 1942?

Home Front

1. How did the U.S. government try to keep wartime morale high?
2. What was life like in the United States during World War II?
3. How did women contribute to the war effort?
4. What actions did the government take to protect the rights of minority groups?
5. How were Japanese Americans affected by the war?

Victory in Europe

1. Where did the Allied offensive in Europe begin and why?
2. How did fighting in the Atlantic and in the air influence the land war in Europe?
3. How did the Allies successfully carry out the Normandy invasion?
4. What was the Holocaust?
5. How did the Allies finally defeat Germany?

Victory in Asia

1. How did the United States carry out its island-hopping plan?
2. How did the battles at Iwo Jima and Okinawa affect the war?
3. What led the United States to use atomic weapons against Japan?
4. What were the human and economic costs of World War II?

YOU MUST ANSWER THIS QUESTION!!!

(25 Points)

1. Why did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor?

Think about:

Reasons why Japanese select Pearl Harbor. Cause & Effect sequence.

Success of attack both short term and long term.

United States response.

United States war strategy. (Do not forget about Germany nor our allies.)