

The Pacific Theater

Use your America: History of Our Nation text book pages 812-813 and 824-825 to fill in the blanks below. When you are finished, you will have a summary of the end of the war in the Pacific.

I. The Philippines Fall

- a. The defense of the U.S. in the Philippines was weakened because _____.
- b. _____ commanded the Filipino-American force when the Japanese invaded the key Philippine island of Luzon. FDR ordered him to withdraw to Australia.
- c. After several months of fighting, the Allied troops left at Bataan were forced to surrender. 70,000 were captured by the Japanese. Their forced trek to a prison camp is called the "Bataan Death March" because _____.

II. The Tide Turns in the Pacific

- a. In May 1942 at the Battle of _____, American and Japanese navies used a new form of warfare that involved _____.
- b. _____ was successful in this battle.
- c. In June, the Japanese tried to invade the island of _____, which was an important U.S. military base.
- d. After this battle, _____ no longer ruled the Pacific.

III. The U.S. on the Offensive

- a. The U.S. now began the strategy of _____, when U.S. forces would capture some Japanese-held islands and go around others. They were making their way toward _____.
- b. In 1942, the U.S. landed on the island of _____. The soldiers faced 6 months of hard fighting as well as hunger and disease before they were able to control the island.
- c. General MacArthur was able to recapture the city of _____ in the Philippines in January 1945.

IV. Japan Holds Firm

- a. The Americans incurred huge losses when they took the last two islands of _____ and _____ on their way to Japan.
- b. The Japanese were now using a form of fighting called _____. With this fighting, suicide pilots crashed their planes into U.S. troops. Most Japanese soldiers would rather die rather than surrender.

V. The End of War in the Pacific

- a. Americans lost huge numbers of men while capturing the islands of _____ and _____.
- b. Japan's _____ missions, or suicide pilots, and tradition of never surrendering convinced Americans that the only way to force Japan to surrender is to invade the mainland.
- c. Just as President Truman made plans to invade the island of Japan, he learned of the successful test of the _____.
- d. On August 6th and August 9th of 1945, American planes dropped atomic bombs on the cities of _____ and _____.
- e. The emperor of Japan surrendered on _____.
- f. That days is known as _____.
- g. _____ formally accepted the surrender.