

Study Guide: Ch.36.4 War in the Pacific

Directions: *As you read through Ch.36 section 4, answer the guiding questions using complete sentences. The Key Terms have been defined for you.*

Guiding Questions:

1. Why did the Allies use Navajo Indian “code talkers” for their secret codes while fighting in the Pacific?
2. The Allied victory at the Mariana Islands provided them with what?
3. In the Battle of Okinawa, how many American soldiers died, and how many Japanese soldiers died?
4. When and where was the first atomic bomb exploded?
5. What did Oppenheimer and others believe was the only thing that would end Japanese resistance?
6. How many Japanese have died from the 2 atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

Key Terms:

leapfrogging- American WW2 strategy in the Pacific where heavily defended islands were bypassed to capture nearby islands that were not well defended.

kamikaze- In Japanese it means “divine wind”, it was the WW2 Japanese tactic of using bomb-filled planes to crash into Allied ships in suicide attacks.

atomic bomb- Devastating weapons that use the energy released from splitting the nuclei of uranium or plutonium atoms.

Manhattan Project- Top secret American project to develop atomic weapons.

Quick Write:

Write a 2-3 sentence response to the following question:

In your opinion, was the United States justified in using atomic bombs against Japan? Why or why not?

