1939 – 1945

World War II Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What event brought the United States into World War II?

- (A) Germany's sinking of the Lusitania
- (B) Germany's bombing of London in the Blitz
- (C) Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor
- (D) Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union

2. Which country did Germany invade in 1939 to start World War II?

- (A) France
- (B) Poland
- (C) Norway
- (D) Belgium

3. What was D-Day?

- (A) The Allied invasion of Normandy, France
- (B) The American landing on Iwo Jima, Japan
- (C) The German invasion of the Soviet Union
- (D) The Allied invasion of Sicily, Italy

4. What turned the tide in the Pacific in 1942?

- (A) The Battle of Okinawa
- (B) The Battle of Iwo Jima
- (C) The Battle of Midway
- (D) The Battle of the Bulge

5. What happened on V-E Day, May 8, 1945?

(A) Italy surrendered, leaving Germany to fight alone
(B) Germany surrendered, ending the war in Europe
(C) Japan surrendered, ending the war in the Pacific
(D) France surrendered, ending the fighting in the west

6. On which two Japanese cities did the US drop atomic bombs?

(A) Hiroshima and Nagasaki
(B) Osaka and Nagoya
(C) Sapporo and Fukuoka
(D) Tokyo and Yokohama

7. Why was the Battle of Stalingrad a turning point?

(A) Japan's defeat there stopped its advance across the Pacific
(B) Britain's victory there pushed German troops out of North Africa
(C) Germany's victory there opened the road to Moscow and Leningrad
(D) Germany's defeat there began its retreat on the Eastern Front

8. When did World War II officially end?

(A) May 8, 1945
(B) September 1, 1939
(C) December 7, 1941
(D) September 2, 1945

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1. **C** Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor

2. **B** Poland

3. **A** The Allied invasion of Normandy, France

4. **C** The Battle of Midway

5. **B** Germany surrendered, ending the war in Europe

6. **A** Hiroshima and Nagasaki

7. **D** Germany's defeat there began its retreat on the Eastern Front

8. **D** September 2, 1945