Inside WOrld War II

Inside World War II by National Geographic takes an intimate look at personal wartime experiences from the perspective of a wide array of veterans and citizens who endured the front lines bloody conflicts day by day, hour by hour, and second by second. Richly woven throughout this story are the harrowing images of combat, despair, and destruction. Compelling graphics mapping out locations and battle strategies helps tell the story with a straight-forward understanding.

# 1. The Early Years (Sept 1933 Hitler Addressing Nazi Party in Nuremberg- June 1942 Battle of Midway)

1. What are some examples of persecution the Jewish people faced?
2. Who are the “Rhineland Bastards?”
3. What does Hitler want to showcase at the Berlin Olympic Games?
4. Who also seeks global power through racial domination? Who do they dominate in particular?
5. How long does this massacre last in Nanking? What is the global response?
6. What was the purpose of Hitler Youth?
7. What begins in 1939 for Jewish people located in occupied German Areas?
8. What are some elements of Blitzkrieg (lightning war)?
9. Warsaw Poland surrenders on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Why were the first few months called the “Phoney War”?
11. Who becomes Britain’s Prime Minister in May of 1940? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What is his strongest weapon?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. Why does France surrender to Hitler?
13. Describe the Battle of Britain and who was involved.
14. What is Japans’ secret attack? Why do they attack?
15. What does German’s “Final Solution” plan include? (types of facilities)
16. What is Doolittle’s ultimate decision after the US boat is spotted near Japan? Was his decision successful? Why or why not?

# 2. The Middle Years (Aug 1942 Guadalcanal - Sept 1944 Operation Market Garden)

1. Why was the Battle of Guadalcanal so dangerous?
2. Who is to defend Stalingrad at all costs? Who is successful?
3. What are the paratroopers used for?
4. Operation Overlord was the secret name for what?
5. What was used to deceive the location of the attack?
6. What was the result of this attack? What is this battle also known as?
7. What are the basic rules of the Geneva Conventions?

# 3. The Final Years (Dec 1944 The Bulge - Aug/Sept 1945 Japanese Surrender)

1. What changes as the Germans are retreating which allows them to strike back?
2. What does the American General say to German surrender at the Bulge?
3. What was the importance of the island of Iwo Jima?
4. What was the “Spring of Life” program?
5. April 20th, 1945, where is Hitler located?
6. Why do soldiers continue to fight even though there are rumors the war is over?
7. What are some main events of the final Battle of Berlin?
8. The war may be over with Germany but what do the Allies soon discover?
9. The Allies now turn their attention to Japan. How did the USA come to the decision to drop an atomic bomb? Why was the second one detonated?

\*From the documentary what are your general impressions of the Second World War?

\*Name some atrocities committed by both sides during the war? Can these events be justified? Why or why not? What do you feel the consequences for these types of acts should be?