Assignment 1 - Fill In the Blanks

World War 2- “Would You Drop It?”

Hitler’s not the only fascist, only the most famous, Mussolin in Italy, and Franco’s Spanish.
Rose in the thirties, thanks to their people’s pain and anguish,
Depression era inflation raising prices and panic.
Hitler makes Germans feel good by puffin’ them up,
Like “It’s not you, it’s the Jews that are messing us up.”
So called “work-camps” for Catholics, Gypsies, and Jews,
And any woman or man who dared question his views.
American on another tip, isolationist,
Don’t want to get involved in one of y’all big wars.
We’re trying to recover from our own depression,
FDR leading us, New Deal, new direction.
German U-boat, submarines, and you know what I mean,
Sink British ships, Americans get uneasy.
While Europe is falling to Hitler,
Americans are like, “tweedle-dee…”
It’s peaceful, hot Hawaiian sun rising in the morning,
America’s navy stretching and yawning.
Low on the horizon, hundreds of plans are rising.
Someone sees something, “eh, that’s probably nothing.”
But those are Japanese fighters and bombers,
dropping some bombs upon us,
Harm us with preemptive strikes, breaking the dam and the dyke.
It’s a date people remember like 9-11,
Pearl Harbor, 1941, December 7.
Would you drop-drop it?
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Would you drop-drop it?
Drop the bomb?
Would you drop the bomb?
Fast-forward-rushed the beaches, D-Day’s done,
Liberated France and Italy, blazing guns.
Germany’s surrenders, Hitler comits suicide, He couldn’t stand to die in front of the world’s eyes. Southeast Asia, war’s still raging, We’re island hopping like hopscotch, boys with bloody faces. Spring 1945, FDR dies. In steps Truman, big man, but only human. Here’s the situation: you’re about to invade Japan. U.S. soldier deaths might number a million. The Japanese fight with code of Samurai, Fight to the death, it’s honorable to die. Secret new weapon you’ve got and you’re not telling, Split atoms like a sledgehammer splits watermelons. Test it in July, desert in New Mexico, It blows and you know mushroom clouds fill the sky. The Russians might declare war, and if they do, The Japanese might have no choice, but to lay down their troops. That’s a chance. You’ve got the bombs. You’ve got the planes. This is war; the moral dilemma drives you insane. 120,000 civilians lives on the line. Clocks ticking, tic-tock, you’re running out of time. What would Jesus do? What would Buddha do? What would Muhammad do? What would you do? Would you drop-drop it? Would you drop-drop it? Would you drop-drop it? Drop the bomb? Would you drop the bomb?

Write your summary below (at least 3 sentences):

Assignment 2- Vocab Words
Directions: Please use the following 3 vocabulary words about World War 2 in a sentence or give an example to show your understanding of its meaning. Then, draw that vocab word or an example of it.

Fascism noun
A form of government in which a single leader has total control, usually featuring suppression of dissent and total control of industry and economy.

People suffered under the leader’s fascism. He had created a brutal police state and punished anyone suspected of fighting for freedom.

1. Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show your understanding.

2. Draw this vocab word or an example of it.

**Isolationism noun**

A political policy of not interfering with the concerns of other countries.

The candidate supported isolationism because she thought the country would be better served by focusing on fixing problems at home instead of involving itself in foreign countries.

1. Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show your understanding.

2. Please explain how this word relates to World War 2.

**Pearl Harbor phrase**

A major United States naval base in Hawaii that the Japanese air force attacked without warning on December 7, 1941. Many American lives and ships were lost.

The attack on Pearl Harbor caused the United States to enter World War 2.

1. Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show your understanding.

2. Please explain how this word relates to World War 2.
Assignment 3- Read & Respond

Directions: Please read the short texts that follow and answer the multiple choice questions that follow.

1. Fascism is generally a military dictatorship based on strong nationalist sentiment, racism, and the suppression of opposition by using force. Fascists come to power by exploiting patriotism, racism, and fear. Benito Mussolini invented the term in 1925 and used it proudly. Mussolini installed himself as Italy’s dictator in 1925. He blamed foreigners for Italy’s problems and failed to carry out many of his promises. He also built up Italy’s military, and in 1935, invaded Ethiopia. Another famous fascist, Francisco Franco, overthrew the Spanish government in 1936 in the Spanish Civil War. Franco and his fascist rebels won the war largely because of military aid from Germany and Italy. Adolf Hitler, also a fascist, took power in 1933 mainly by blaming outsiders for the humiliating position in which Germany found itself after World War 1. War reparations, the hyperinflation of 1923 and then the international economic depression all fed the fascist rhetoric of blaming foreigners and Jews.

Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler both…
   a. Believed Germans did not suffer as a result of the first World War.
   b. Blamed foreigners for problems in their countries
   c. Thought a strong economy could survive periods on inflation
   d. Fought against the rise of fascism.

2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt helped get America out of the depression by giving people hope the the country could turn itself around. During this time, America practiced a policy of isolationism, totally uninterested in another European war that seemed looming. In Europe, the leaders of some countries were instilling hope in their populaces by blaming foreigners for their countries' woes The National Socialist (Nazi) Party of Adolf Hitler was starting its intended take over, but it would take a direct attack on American soil before the United States joined World War 2. America continued to stay out of the war as Hitler invaded Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France. In 1941, with the Axis powers now in control of most of Europe, German submarines (U-boats) torpedoed two American destroyers, killing more than a hundred Americans. America was then on the brink of joining the war.

Which of the following events sparked the end of America’s isolationist policy?
   a. German U-boats attacked American ships, killing over one hundred Americans
   b. Hitler invaded Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France
   c. In 1941, the Axis powers took control of most of Europe
   d. Europe’s leaders blamed foreigners for their countries’ problems.

3. The United States had a naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It was early in the morning on December 7 when two U.S. Army privates saw something strange on their radar screen: dozens of planes appearing out of the Northeast. The men were alarmed and reported the sighting, but they were told that it was probably just a delivery of new B-17 planes; nothing to worry about. What they actually saw was the first wave of 183 Japanese fighter planes. It was a surprise attack on America, and it was amazingly effective: 19 ships were sunk, 292 aircraft destroyed, and 2,403 Americans killed. This was the event needed to catalyze America into joining the war. On December 8, the day after the strike, Congress declared war on Japan. On December 11, Germany and Italy joined Japan and declared war on the United States. The United States was now fighting a war in Europe and a war in the Pacific.

Which of these best describes the attack on Pearl Harbor?
a. A false alarm  
b. An ineffective strike  
c. A catastrophic ambush  
d. A setback to America’s war efforts

4. The original concentration camps were built in Germany in 1933 as a place to keep “undesirables.” Jews, Catholics, Gypsies, communists, gay people, the mentally and physically disabled, Polish intellectuals, and others were shipped to these prison camps to work in slave labor. Actual extermination camps were built in 1941. These death camps would contribute to the murder of at least six million Jews and four million gentiles (mostly Polish gentiles and gypsies) during the Holocaust.

In 1933, concentration camps in Germany...

a. Were death camps where millions of people were killed  
b. Did not yet exist  
c. Were all closed  
d. Held many different groups of people prisoner

5. The allies chose to concentrate on Europe before attacking Japan. In 1943 Allied troops invaded Italy and began pushing Nazi lines back toward Germany. On June 6, 1944, D-Day, the Allies launched the largest sea-to-land invasion force in history. In the middle of the night, thousands of boats landed on French beaches and pushed the Germans back into France after days of bloody battles. It would be more than a year before Germany surrendered, though German ranks were then growing thin thanks to Russian forces attacking from the east. On April 30, 1945, while Russian bombs fell on Berlin, Hitler descended into a bunker with his mistress, Eva Braun, to get married. He then poisoned her and killed himself. Germany surrendered a week later.

Which of the following best summarizes what happened on D-Day?

a. In a surprise attack, the allies invaded France, significantly pushing back the Germans and ultimately contributing to their downfall.  
b. The Allies cooperated with the Germans to invade France for what was the most effective invasion in history. 
c. The Allies secretly invaded Russia to push the Germans back, and after days of brutal battles, Germany was forced to surrender.  
d. The allies arrived in Europe in thousands of boats, made their way into Germany and ultimately forced Hitler to commit suicide.

6. Harry S. Truman became president on April 12, 1945, after FDR died during his fourth term. The war in Europe was nearly finished, but the war with Japan wasn’t over yet. U.S. generals told Truman that an assault on Japan could cost the United States between half a million and a million casualties. However, the Japanese refused to surrender--reports indicated that they were arming civilians with sharpened bamboo spears. In 1939 Albert Einstein had told Roosevelt that a new type of bomb could be built, one that had the destructive power of 20,000 tons of TNT. Roosevelt created the Manhattan Project to build this atomic bomb, and two days after Truman became president, he was told this top-secret information. Truman ordered these bombs to be dropped. On August 6, 1945, an American plane dropped the first bomb over Hiroshima, killing more than 70,000 people and injuring just as many. Three days later, America dropped another atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 40,000 and injuring 60,000 people. The same day, Russia’s Stalin declared war on Japan and invaded Manchuria. The Japanese surrendered on August 11.
Which of the following best explains why President Truman ordered the atomic bombs to be dropped?

a. The Japanese refused to surrender and there were reports that, in addition to their army, their civilians were becoming more dangerous.
b. President Truman did not know that an atomic bomb had the destructive power of 20,000 tons of TNT.
c. President Roosevelt told Truman that, if given the power of the presidency, he should attack the Japanese.
d. President Truman discovered that the Japanese were also developing an atomic bomb.