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Answer Key: Your Success with Stateside Struggles: Sophomore WWII Quiz

Students identify key contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen, the impact of Executive Order 9066, and the strategic significance of the Manhattan Project.

1. Which specific group of African American military pilots broke professional barriers by training at a segregated air base in Alabama?

Answer: B) The Tuskegee Airmen

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, proving their skill and bravery despite facing intense racial discrimination.

2. The secret American research program intended to develop the first functional nuclear weapon was known as the _____ Project.

Answer: C) Manhattan

The Manhattan Project was the code name for the American-led effort to develop an atomic bomb before Germany could do so.

3. True or False: Executive Order 9066 led to the forced relocation and internment of over 110,000 Japanese Americans living on the West Coast.

Answer: A) True

Signed by FDR in 1942, this order authorized the removal of persons deemed threats to national security, primarily affecting Japanese Americans regardless of citizenship.

4. Which Native American group used their traditional language to create an unbreakable secret code for U.S. Marines in the Pacific?

Answer: C) The Navajo Code Talkers

The Navajo Code Talkers played a vital role by transmitting sensitive information in a code based on their complex language that the Japanese could never decipher.

5. To save food for the troops and prevent shortages back home, many American families grew their own vegetable gardens called _____ Gardens.

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Answer: B) Victory

Victory Gardens were encouraged by the government to supplement food rations and boost civilian morale during the war.

6. True or False: The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed mostly of Japanese Americans, became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size.

Answer: A) True

Despite their families being interned back home, the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd served with exceptional distinction in the European theater.

7. What was the primary goal of the 'Double V' campaign launched by African American leaders during WWII?

Answer: B) Victory over fascism abroad and Victory over racism at home

The Double V campaign advocated for full citizenship rights and equality for African Americans while they supported the war effort.

8. Who was the General that famously promised to return to the Philippines after being forced to evacuate in 1942?

Answer: B) Douglas MacArthur

General MacArthur's iconic phrase 'I shall return' became a symbol of American commitment to liberating the Pacific from Japanese control.

9. The largest naval battle of World War II, which effectively destroyed the Japanese Navy's ability to engage in large-scale combat, was the Battle of _____ Gulf.

Answer: A) Leyte

The Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944 was a massive conflict that crippled the Japanese fleet and paved the way for the liberation of the Philippines.

10. True or False: Harry S. Truman was the President who ultimately made the decision to use atomic weapons on Japanese cities.

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Truman ascended to the presidency after FDR's death and authorized the use of the bombs to force a Japanese surrender without a ground invasion.