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The Code-Breaker's Lunch: A 7th Grade WWII Home Front and Strategy Quiz

Examine 10 complex scenarios ranging from the Navajo Code Talkers' syntax to the strategic economic shift of 'Executive Order 8802' in American factories.

1. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed almost entirely of Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans), became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history. What complex social irony did their service highlight?

- A. They were drafted from internment camps to fight for freedoms they were being denied at home.
- B. They were forbidden from serving in the European theater and only fought in the Pacific.
- C. Their unit was the first to be fully integrated with white soldiers during the war.
- D. They served as spies in Tokyo due to their fluency in Japanese dialects.

2. The United States used the _____ language to create an unbreakable code in the Pacific, as its complex syntax and lack of a written form made it impossible for Axis cryptographers to decipher.

- A. Esperanto
- B. Navajo
- C. Cherokee
- D. Mandarin

3. During the war, A. Philip Randolph's threat to march on Washington led to Executive Order 8802, which ended segregation in the entire U.S. military.

- A. True
- B. False

4. How did the 'Double V' campaign influence the social fabric of the United States during the 1940s?

- A. It focused on achieving victory in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans simultaneously.
- B. It was a marketing strategy to sell twice as many war bonds to wealthy investors.
- C. It advocated for victory over fascism abroad and victory over racism at home.
- D. It encouraged women to work shifts in both factories and hospitals.

5. To counter the German 'Wolfpacks' of submarines in the Atlantic, the U.S. and its allies utilized _____, which involved grouping merchant ships together with naval escorts.

- A. The Blitzkrieg Method
- B. The Convoy System
- C. Island Hopping
- D. Total War

6. Which scientific endeavor, led by Robert Oppenheimer, represented the ultimate synthesis of theoretical physics and military application during the war?

- A. The Enigma Project

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- B. The Manhattan Project
- C. The Apollo Mission
- D. Operation Overlord

7. The 'Bracero Program' was an agreement between the U.S. and Mexico to bring Mexican laborers to the U.S. to remedy wartime agricultural labor shortages.

- A. True
- B. False

8. General _____ was known for his mastery of tank warfare in North Africa and Sicily, often utilizing aggressive, high-mobility maneuvers to outflank Axis forces.

- A. George S. Patton
- B. Douglas MacArthur
- C. Omar Bradley
- D. George Marshall

9. The Battle of the Bulge (1944) was strategically significant because it represented what specific moment for the German military?

- A. The first time Germany used jet-powered aircraft in combat.
- B. The successful capture of the port of Antwerp by Nazi forces.
- C. The final major German offensive move on the Western Front.
- D. The moment Germany and the Soviet Union signed a secret peace treaty.

10. The GI Bill, passed in 1944, provided veterans with tuition-free education and low-interest mortgages, essentially creating the modern American middle class.

- A. True
- B. False