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Arsenal of Democracy: High-Stakes WWII 6th Grade Quiz

Evaluate the logistical triumphs and ethical dilemmas of the American war effort, using primary source analysis to prepare student historians for high-level research.

1. The Double V Campaign was a critical movement led by the Pittsburgh Courier. What were the dual 'victories' it aimed to achieve simultaneously?

- A. Victory over the Great Depression and victory over the Axis powers
- B. Victory over fascism abroad and victory over racial discrimination at home
- C. Victory in the European Theater and victory in the Pacific Theater
- D. Victory for women in factories and victory for soldiers on the front lines

2. Executive Order 9066, which led to the forced relocation of over 110,000 Japanese Americans, was justified by the Supreme Court in *Korematsu v. United States* as a 'military necessity.'

- A. True
- B. False

3. General George Marshall served as the Chief of Staff of the Army, but who was the pioneering woman that led the Women's Army Corps (WAC)?

- A. Eleanor Roosevelt
- B. Frances Perkins
- C. Oveta Culp Hobby
- D. Margaret Bourke-White

4. The Manhattan Project was a top-secret endeavor centered in Los Alamos. What was the primary ethical concern discussed by the scientists who signed the Szilard Petition?

- A. The high cost of the project during a time of rationing
- B. Whether the weapon should be used on Japan without a prior demonstration
- C. The reliability of the B-29 bombers carrying the payload
- D. The possible environmental impact on the New Mexico desert

5. The Navajo Code Talkers were vital to the war effort because their language was an unwritten, complex code that the Axis powers were never able to decipher.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Analyze the significance of the 1943 Zoot Suit Riots in Los Angeles. What did these events reveal about the American home front?

- A. Complete national unity behind the war effort
- B. Tensions between servicemen and Mexican-American youth regarding patriotism and resources
- C. The success of the government's fabric rationing policies

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D. A massive protest against the military draft

7. In the Pacific, the U.S. implemented a strategy of bypassing heavily fortified islands to seize lightly defended ones with airfields. This was known as _____.

- A. Blitzkrieg
- B. Island Hopping
- C. Containment
- D. Salami Slicing

8. At the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, what was the primary goal of the United States and its allies regarding the post-war world?

- A. To divide Germany into four occupation zones
- B. To establish a global financial system to prevent another economic collapse
- C. To sign a peace treaty with Italy and Japan
- D. To ban the use of chemical weapons in future conflicts

9. While many are familiar with the Tuskegee Airmen, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was unique because it was composed almost entirely of _____.

- A. Native American scouts
- B. Japanese-American soldiers
- C. Immigrants from the Soviet Union
- D. Combat medics who refused to carry weapons

10. The 'Bracero Program' was an agreement between the U.S. and Mexico to bring millions of Mexican laborers to the U.S. to solve the wartime labor shortage in agriculture.

- A. True
- B. False