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Arsenal of Democracy: A 9th Grade WWII Synthesis Challenge

Evaluate the complex ethical and strategic dilemmas of total war through deep-dive analysis of domestic policies and global theaters.

1. The 1944 GI Bill (Servicemen's Readjustment Act) was primarily designed to prevent a repeat of which post-WWI domestic crisis?

- A. The massive labor strikes of 1919
- B. The Bonus Army protests and economic instability
- C. The rapid rise of the U.S. Socialist Party
- D. The collapse of the agricultural sector

2. Executive Order 8802, issued by FDR, was the first federal action to prohibit employment discrimination in the national defense industry based on race.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The ____ of the U.S. Army, consisting of Nisei soldiers, became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history while their families were incarcerated in internment camps.

- A. 761st Tank Battalion
- B. 442nd Regimental Combat Team
- C. 101st Airborne Division
- D. Tuskegee Airmen

4. How did the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference represent a shift in U.S. foreign policy compared to the period after the First World War?

- A. It established a policy of isolationism to protect U.S. currency.
- B. It led to the immediate dissolution of all European colonial empires.
- C. It created an international financial system to promote global economic stability.
- D. It banned the United States from trading with former Axis powers.

5. Admiral Chester Nimitz utilized the strategy of ____ to bypass heavily fortified Japanese islands and seize strategically vital airfields closer to mainland Japan.

- A. Saturation Bombing
- B. Scorched Earth
- C. Island Hopping
- D. Containment

6. The Supreme Court case *Korematsu v. United States* (1944) ruled that the internment of Japanese Americans was unconstitutional and ordered their immediate release.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Which scientific project, directed by J. Robert Oppenheimer, synthesized theoretical physics and industrial manufacturing to alter the nature of global warfare?

- A. The Apollo Program
- B. The Manhattan Project
- C. The Enigma Code
- D. The Operation Overlord

8. The ____ campaigns were a domestic effort where Black Americans fought for victory over fascism abroad and victory over racism at home.

- A. V-E Day
- B. Double V
- C. Fair Deal
- D. Great Migration

9. What was the significance of the Zoot Suit Riots in Los Angeles during 1943?

- A. They were protests against the rationing of textile materials.
- B. They represented the successful integration of Mexican-American youth into the military.
- C. They highlighted racial tensions and prejudice against Mexican-American youth during the war.
- D. They were a series of strikes by dockworkers over low wages.

10. The United States initially maintained a policy of 'Cash and Carry,' which required warring nations to pay for non-military goods in cash and transport them in their own ships.

- A. True
- B. False