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## Answer Key: Arsenal of Democracy: WWII Victories for 6th Grade

Examine how Victory Gardens and the Tuskegee Airmen helped win the war from the backyard to the blue skies.

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**1. Which famous group of African American pilots overcame prejudice to become one of the most successful fighter groups in WWII?**

**Answer:** B) The Tuskegee Airmen

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served with distinction.

**2. True or False: To save metal for the war effort, the U.S. government temporarily stopped making pennies out of copper and used steel instead.**

**Answer:** A) True

In 1943, copper was so vital for making shell casings that the U.S. Mint produced 'steelies' to conserve the metal.

**3. The Navajo \_\_\_\_ used their native language to create an unbreakable secret code for the U.S. Marines in the Pacific.**

**Answer:** B) Code Talkers

Navajo Code Talkers used their complex language to transmit messages that Japanese cryptographers were never able to crack.

**4. What was the purpose of 'Victory Gardens' planted by American families during the war?**

**Answer:** B) To grow their own food and reduce the pressure on the public food supply

By growing their own vegetables, civilians ensured that more commercially farmed food could be sent to soldiers overseas.

**5. True or False: The United States used 'Ghost Armies' with inflatable tanks and fake radio sounds to trick the German military.**

**Answer:** A) True

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The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops used visual and audio deception to make the enemy believe Allied forces were in different locations.

**6. General \_\_\_\_ led the U.S. Third Army across France and was known for his expertise in tank warfare and his 'Old Blood and Guts' nickname.**

**Answer:** B) George S. Patton

George S. Patton was a colorful and highly effective commander of U.S. armored forces during the liberation of Europe.

**7. Which major battle in the snow-covered forests of Belgium was the last major German counter-attack against U.S. forces?**

**Answer:** A) The Battle of the Bulge

The Battle of the Bulge was a desperate German attempt to split Allied lines, but American troops held firm despite freezing conditions.

**8. True or False: During WWII, the U.S. government forced many Japanese-Americans into internment camps, even though most were loyal citizens.**

**Answer:** A) True

Following Executive Order 9066, over 120,000 people of Japanese descent were relocated to camps due to fear and prejudice.

**9. Which top-secret project was responsible for developing the world's first nuclear weapons?**

**Answer:** B) The Manhattan Project

The Manhattan Project was the codename for the research and development that produced the atomic bombs used to end the war.

**10. When the U.S. entered the war, they used a strategy called '\_\_\_\_ hopping' to capture key islands in the Pacific while bypassing others.**

**Answer:** B) Island

Island hopping allowed U.S. forces to move closer to Japan by taking only the most strategic islands, saving time and lives.