**World War II, 1939-1945**

**Lecture/Reading Notes 4 (p.288-295)**

1. **War and Peace**
2. **Gathering Allied Strength**

* American and British landings in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ satisfied the British desire to secure Western influence in the Mediterranean and Middle East, but they pleased neither the American policymakers nor the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_ was the year in which the Allies gained the edge in quality of equipment, capacity for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and military sophistication.
* Meeting in Casablanca in January 1943, Roosevelt and Churchill demanded the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of Italy, Germany and Japan.
* Ten months later, the Allied leaders huddled again. At Tehran, the United States and Britain promised to invade France \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Turning the Tide in Europe**

* The United States had entered the ground war in Europe with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Against little opposition, British and American troops under General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ landed in French Morocco and Algeria on November 8, 1942.
* German tanks in February 1943 counterattacked U.S. divisions at Kasserine Pass in the Atlas Mountains of Tunisia. Learning quickly from their tactical defeat, Allied troops forced the Axis in Africa to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The central Mediterranean remained the focus of U.S. and British action for the next year. In July and August, Allied forces led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ overran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On the Eastern Front, the climactic battle of the German-Soviet war had erupted on July 5, 1943. The Germans sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the Kursk Salient. Soviet generals had prepared a defense in depth with three thousand tanks of their own.

1. **Operation OVERLORD**

* On D-Day – June 6, 1944 – the western Allies landed on the coast of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in northwestern France. \_\_\_\_\_\_ divisions went ashore from hundred of attack transports carrying four thousand landing craft. Dozens of warships and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aircraft provided support.
* The Allies secured their beachheads and landed 500,000 men and 100,000 vehicles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the code name for the entire campaign across northern France, met renewed success in late July and August. The Allies liberated Paris on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On the Eastern Front, by the end of 1944, the Red Army had entered the Balkans and reached central Poland. With the end in sight, the Soviets had suffered nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sustained the heaviest burden in turning back Nazi tyranny.

1. **Victory and Tragedy in Europe**
2. **The Battle of the Bulge**

* In the last months of 1944, massive air strikes finally reduced German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The new American P-51 escort fighter helped B-17 bombers overfly Germany in relative safety after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Hitler struck a last blow on December 16, 1944. Stripping the Eastern Front of armored units, he launched \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ divisions against thinly held U.S. positions in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium. He hoped to split U.S. and British forces by capturing the Belgium port of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Taking advantage of snow and fog that grounded Allied aircraft, the Germans drove a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into U.S. lines. But the German thrust literally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beyond the town of Bastogne.
* The Nazi empire collapsed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Nazi state formally capitulated on May 8.

1. **The Holocaust**

* The defeat of Germany revealed appalling evidence of the evil at the heart of the Nazi ideology of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to what Hitler thought of as the “Jewish problem” went far beyond slave labor. The elite SS, Hitler’s personal army within the Nazi party, in 1942 set out to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Europe’s Jews.
* The evidence of genocide – systematic racial murder – is irrefutable. At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Treblinka, the SS organized the extermination of up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 1 million Poles, Gypsies, and others who failed to meet the Nazi version of the German master race.
* Prisoners arrived by forced marches and cattle trains. Those who were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to death were herded into gas chambers and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Pacific War**
2. **Racial animosity on both sides of the Pacific War**

* Washington divided responsibilities in the Pacific theater. General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ operated in the islands that stretched between Australia and the Philippines. Admiral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ commanded in the central Pacific.
* The Pacific campaigns of 1944, often called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were the American naval version of the Blitzkrieg. Planes from American carriers controlled the air, allowing naval and land forces to isolate and capture the most strategically located Japanese held islands while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Racial hatred animated both sides in the Pacific war and fueled a “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. **The Battle of Leyte Gulf**

* The invasion of the Philippines repeated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approach by landing on Leyte, in the middle of the island chain.
* In the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the U.S. military sank four Japanese battleships, four carriers, and ten cruisers. The Japanese home islands were left \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against an expected invasion.
* During 1943 and 1944, submarines choked off food, oil, and raw materials bound for Japan and island bases. By 1945, imports to Japan were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Heavy bombing of Japan began in early 1944. Overall, conventional bombing destroyed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Japan’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Searching for Peace**
2. **The Yalta Conference**

* Conferring from February 4 to 11 in the Ukrainian town of Yalta, Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill debated plans for the postwar world. The most important American goal was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in finishing off the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Conservative critics later charged that the Western powers “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” eastern Europe at the Yalta Conference. In fact, the Soviet Union gained little that it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Potsdam Conference and the atomic bomb**

* Deeply distrustful of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Truman first ventured into personal international diplomacy in July 1945 at a British-Soviet-American conference at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, near Berlin.
* Most of the sessions debated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The leaders endorsed the expulsion of ethnic Germans from eastern Europe and moved the borders of Poland 100 miles west into historically German territory.
* Truman also made it clear that the United States expected to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the occupation of Japan. Its goal was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Japanese political system and reintroduce Japan into the international community.
* Japan’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Okinawa and suicide missions by thousands of kamikaze pilots had confirmed American fears that the Japanese would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The atomic bomb offered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the conflict, and it might \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In early August, the United States dropped two of three available nuclear bombs on Japan. On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the first bomb killed at least eighty thousand people and poisoned thousands more with radiation. A second bomb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took another forty thousand lives. Japan ceased hostilities on August 14 and surrendered formally on September 2.