**Unit 7: WORLD WAR II**

**Short Answer Questions**

**Directions:** In a short paragraph (6-8 sentences) **thoroughly** answer each of the following questions related to the unit of study. Number and answer each question separately.

1. Why did the world powers, specifically Great Britain try to appease or ignore Germany’s and Japan’s expansionist policies at first?

2. What were Germany’s and Japan’s goals when the expanded? How did they treat the people who lived in the occupied regions?

3. What new technology and strategy of war made Hitler’s invasion of Poland so successful?

4. Explain why Hitler violated the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact. Why was Hitler so interested in conquering the Soviet Union early in the war? Why was the invasion of the Soviet Union doomed to failure?

5. Why did the Japanese decide to attack the Unite States? Why did Japan decide bombing Pearl Harbor was their best option? Explain Admiral Yamomoto’s quote: “I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.”

6. Explain how the Battle of Midway was a turning point in World War II? Explain the Battle of Midway’s connection to the “Island Hopping” campaign in the Pacific.

7. How did American response at home to the bombing of Pearl Harbor change the war? What is meant by the idea that the United States became the “arsenal of the Allied Powers”?

8. What was Hitler’s “final solution” to the “Jewish question”? What methods did the Nazis use to carry out the Holocaust?

9. D-Day remains the largest amphibious invasion in military history. How did D-Day signal the beginning of the end for the Nazis?

10. Why did president Truman ultimately decide to drop the Atomic bombs on Japan? Why was this a particularly difficult decision for Truman?