**U.S. History 11**

**Unit 6: World War II**

**Chapters 24 & 25**

***Why Do You Have to Learn This?***

World War II ends American isolationism for good. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the United States declares war on Japan. This leads to our involvement in the war against Germany in Europe. The war is brutal. There is great loss of life on both the Western and Eastern fronts and great sacrifice on the Home Front. The Holocaust adds a new level of depravity. It is also the dawn of the atomic age as the Manhattan Project succeeds in creating the world’s first atomic weapon. Initially created for use against Hitler’s Germany, the bomb’s final target is Japan. The death of FDR in 1945 leaves the untested Harry Truman with the monumental decision of whether to use the weapon or not. Today, the debate about the use of nuclear weapons and who should have them continues.

***What You Must Know by the End of This Unit:***

* \*Understand the rise of totalitarian regimes in Europe destabilizes the continent. Adolf Hitler’s land grabs and the attempts to appease him eventually lead to war. Japan takes advantage of chaos in Europe to expand its own empire. They eventually attack Pearl Harbor, an American airbase, and the U.S. enters the war.
* Unknown to many outside the Axis countries, Hitler has begun extermination of “undesirables” in an effort to create a perfect “Aryan” race.
* \*Understand how on the Home Front, propaganda is used to get Americans ration items and plant Victory Gardens, among other activities, to help the war effort.
* \*The Allies liberate Europe in April of 1945 when the Soviets enter Berlin and Hitler commits suicide. To end the war in Japan, newly sworn-in president, Harry S. Truman, will make the difficult decision to use the U.S.’s powerful new weapon- the atomic bomb, on the island nation. Japan surrenders in August of 1945.

***The Skills You Will Use During This Unit:***

* Understand historical context
* Identify cause and effect
* Practice map skills
* Get educated about propaganda and how it is used
* Learn the differences between primary and secondary sources
* Understand how to use a textbook effectively

***Vocabulary Terms and Phrases You Must Know:***

***Chapter 24***

Joseph Stalin and communism

Hitler and Nazism

Totalitarianism

*Mein Kampf*

Benito Mussolini and Fascism

Hideki Tojo (Japan)

Neutrality Acts

Appeasement/Munich Agreement

Winston Churchill

Non Aggression-Pact

German *Blitzkrieg*

Charles de Gaulle (France)

Axis Powers

Lend-Lease Act

Allied Powers

Pearl Harbor

Japanese Internment Camps

Propaganda

Rationing

**Chapter 25**

Battle of Britain

Battle of Stalingrad

Battle of Normandy/ D-Day

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Battle of the Bulge

V-E Day

Harry S. Truman

Battle of Midway

Kamikaze

Island-Hopping

Iwo Jima

Okinawa

J. Robert Oppenheimer

Manhattan Project

Hiroshima/Nagasaki

V-J Day

Nuremberg Trial

Holocaust

*Kristallnacht*

Ghettos

Concentration Camps