World War II WebQuest Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Introduction

You are a teenager living in the United States during World War II. You read the newspapers, but it is hard to make sense of this war that involves so many countries and people. It is early December 1941. The United States is beginning to emerge from the Great Depression and war is raging in Europe. Every day you hear the reports of how it is spreading to other parts of the world. You have heard of the Nazi atrocities, but it all seems so far away. Is the war the best thing for the nation? Should the U.S. get involved in such a costly effort? This WebQuest will take you back to the Home Front of the 1940’s to learn what it was like to grow up during this turbulent time.

The following source will be extremely useful on your Quest:

BHS Media Center Website 🡪 COLLECT 🡪 World History Resource Center 🡪 Password: buford

Additional Sources:

[www.pbs.org/perilousfight/](http://www.pbs.org/perilousfight/)

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/guts/>

[www.worldwariihistory.info](http://www.worldwariihistory.info)

List 3 Causes of World War II.

What were the political conditions in Europe in 1940? What countries were at war? Be as specific as possible.

Why did the United States become involved in the war? Include specific details. What was the date that the U.S. entered the war?

Who were the three main AXIS powers? Who were the three main ALLIES?

What was D-Day?

Who were the Big Three (leaders) who set overall Allied strategy?

What was the Maginot Line? Explain.

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| Identify the following people. Explain (A) who they were and (B) how they contributed or were involved with World War II. Identify (C) if the person was a Government Leader or a Military Leader, or both, and (D) association with Axis or Allied. | |
| 1. Joseph Stalin |  |
| 2. Benito Mussolini |  |
| 3. Adolf Hitler |  |
| 4. Franklin D. Roosevelt |  |
| 5. Winston Churchill |  |
| 6. Hideki Tojo |  |
| 7. Dwight D. Eisenhower |  |
| 8. George Patton |  |
| 9. Harry S. Truman |  |
| 10. Douglas MacArthur |  |