**Unit 11 Study Guide**

**Interwar Period and World War II**

**To prepare for this test, please review the following:**

* **All screencasts from throughout the unit**
* **All PowerPoint notes**
* **World Wars video question sheets**
* **Study guide questions below:**

**Questions:**

1. What were the causes of World War II? How does the beginning of WWII tie to World War I?
2. In what ways did Hitler violate the Treaty of Versailles?
3. How did economic crisis lead to the destabilization of democracy in Europe?
4. How did Hitler and Mussolini rise to power in their countries?
5. What is fascism and why is it a form of totalitarianism?
6. Why is fascism in Japan a little different than in Italy and Germany?
7. Be able to identify the significant leaders of each country involved in WW2.
8. Why does Stalin sign the non-aggression pact with Hitler?
9. What was Hitler’s new form of warfare and what tactics did he use to overwhelm his enemy?
10. Be able to recognize the significant events that led into World War II, including all of the acts of Axis power aggression (invasions, funding a revolution in Spain, etc.)
11. Trace Hitler’s expansion including his annexation of Austria, the Sudetenland, Poland and the USSR. Why did the leaders of Western Europe “appease” Hitler? What was the outcome?
12. Trace the success of Hitler’s early efforts in WW2 and his significant failures in Britain and the USSR.
13. How did the United States “unofficially” become involved in the war in Europe?
14. How and why did Japanese society become more militaristic in the interwar period? What was the impact on their foreign policy?
15. Why did the United States “island hop” across the Pacific?
16. What were the significant events in both theatres that contributed to an Allied victory?
17. How did Hitler’s treatment of the Jews escalate to the Final Solution in the territories he occupied?
18. What was the purpose of the meetings at Yalta and Potsdam? How did the position of Stalin change between them?
19. What were some of the plans that reshaped the world after World War II?
20. What is the United Nations and why was it created?