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World War II Vocabulary

Why is Cinderella no good at soccer? She keeps running away from the ball!

A study sheet to learn about World War II.

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1. Adolf Hitler German Nazi dictator during World War II
2. Allies The alliance of Britain, France and Russia
3. Atomic Bomb A nuclear weapon in which enormous energy is released by nuclear fission
4. Axis The alliance of Italy, Germany and Japan
5. Benito Mussolini Italian fascist dictator
6. Blitzkrieg German word meaning "lightning war"
7. D-Day The first day of the Allied invasion of Normandy
8. Dictator A ruler who is unconstrained by law
9. Dwight D. Eisenhower United States general who supervised the invasion of Normandy and the defeat of Nazi Germany; 34th President of the United States
10. Enola Gay Nickname for the American plane that dropped the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.
11. Harry S. Truman Became 33rd President of the United States on Roosevelt's death in 1945 and was elected President in 1948; authorized the use of atomic bombs against Japan
12. Hideki Tojo Japanese prime minister and mastermind of Japanese military
13. J. Robert Oppenheimer United States physicist who directed the project at Los Alamos that developed the first atomic bomb
14. Joseph Stalin Communist dictator of Soviet Union
15. Manhattan Project Code name for the secret United States project set up in 1942 to develop atomic bombs for use in World War II
16. Nazi A German member of Adolf Hitler's political party
17. Rosie the Riveter Cultural icon representing the women who worked in factories during World War II
18. V-E Day The date the Allies celebrated victory in Europe. May 8, 1945
19. V-J Day Japan surrendered to the Allies, August 14, 1945; formal surrender took place September 2, 1945, ending the war.
20. World War II A war in which Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the United States, China, and other allies defeated Germany, Italy, and Japan. (1939-1945)