Lesson 2 The War in the Pacific


DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: The early phases of the war in the Pacific went badly for the United States.

1. Who was the commander of the U.S. navy in the Pacific?
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2. Where did the Japanese strike after Pearl Harbor?
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3. Who was commander of the U.S. troops on Bataan?
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4. What was the Bataan Death March?
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5. What was the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo?
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6. Why was the Battle of the Coral Sea a significant U.S. victory?
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7. How did the Navajo code-talkers aid marines in battle?
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B. Main Idea: The Battle of Midway was the turning point in the war in the Pacific.

1. **When** did the Battle of Midway occur?

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2. **How** did the Battle of Midway change the course of the war?

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C. Main Idea: Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur drove the Japanese back from islands captured in the Pacific.

1. **Why** did the U.S. forces launch an island-hopping campaign?

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2. **How** did the amphtrac save lives?

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3. **What** was the Battle of Leyte Gulf?

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Summary and Reflection

**DIRECTIONS:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How was the United States able to win the war in the Pacific?

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