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WW2 Map Analysis

**Directions:** Using the website linked on my website [Www.WorldGeoJLo.Weebly.Com](http://Www.WorldGeoJLo.Weebly.Com) analyze the various maps from WW2 and answer the questions. Some information may come from the readings, while others will be critical thinking. This assignment is homework if not completed in class.

*Background Information:*

 **Allied Powers:** (Won WW2) USSR, Great Britain, United States

 **Axis Powers:** (Lost WW2) Germany, Italy, Japan

 **Front**: An area of open war or battle that has activity from both sides

1. (Map 1: Political Control) Watch the animation from 1939-1945. What happens to the amount of Blue represented on the map?

2. (Map 2: Economics) How can GDP (amount of money a nation has) affect the outcome of a war?

3. (Map 5: Culture) This map represents German speakers in Austria and Czechoslovakia. Why was Hitler allowed to take control over these areas if he promised to not invade further?

4. (Map 7: Physical Geo) What climate factors lead to a Russian defeat in the Battle of Finland?

5. (Map 9: Physical Geo) What feature enabled almost 338,000 soldiers escape German control?

6. (Map 10: Physical Geo) Why was it important for Hitler to win the ‘skies’ when he was planning an amphibious attack on England?

7. (Map 11: Economics) Explain why London was the target for Hitler’s Blitz.

8. (Map 14: Tools) Estimate the distance from Leningrad to Zaborie, the last remaining supply area for residence of Leningrad.

9. (Map 21: Physical Geo) When the Allies wanted to open a new front, why was Italy their first choice?

10. (Map 23: Physical/Economic) Look at the image. Why did the Allied forces using the tactic of creating a circle around their opponent?

11. (Map 24: Tools of Geo) What conclusions can be made about the level of involvement of Russia and Germany in WW2?

12. (Map 27: Technology) The Manhattan Project was the leading scientific research for Atomic Bombs Why was Oak Ridge the desired location for this research?

13. (Map 31: Physical Geo) Why would a strong naval force be necessary to control the Philippines?

14. (Map 32: Tools) What similarities can be found between the 6 Japanese cities bombed by the Americans?

15. (Map 33: Comparing) Compare maps 32 and 33. Why are Atomic Bombs not normally used in war?

16. (Map 34: Tools) In what region of Europe did more Jews perish than any other?

17. If you were a Jew in Europe during this time, in what countries would you try to seek a safe haven?

18. (Map 36: Political) After the war, Germany was divided between Capitalistic (US) and Communist (USSR) nations. Within these divisions was the capital city of Berlin, which was also divided. Why did Berlin rely on Airlifts for continual support?

19. (Map 37: Political) Which city did not change sides during the Korean War based on the map?

20. What natural border created the North Korean boundary?

21. Where is the dividing line between modern day North and South Korea?

22. (Map 39: Political) Why is the United States interested in maintaining military bases in Germany today?

23. (Map 40: Political) Why is it strategic to have Airforce bases in Japan (think about modern issues)?

24. (Map 41: Timeline) Watch the animation progress. What has happened to the EU over time?

25. (Map 42: Timeline) By the 21st century, the United Nations had encompassed which parts of the world?