

## Rebuilding Japan

### What event caused the United States to enter into WWII?

- The Japanese attacked the American Pacific fleet docked at \_\_\_\_\_, Hawaii.

### How long did the United States fight in WWII?

- For approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years, the United States fought battles in Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific region.

### How did the war come to an end?

- The United States dropped atomic bombs on the cities of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.

### Facts about the Dropping of the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima

- On August 6, 1945, the U.S. dropped an Atomic Bomb on the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
- 60,000-80,000 people died as a direct result of the bomb blast.
- About \_\_\_\_\_ square miles of the city was completely destroyed.
- Over the next 10 years, \_\_\_\_\_ people died as a result of injuries from the bomb or radiation poisoning.
- On August 7, 1945, the U.S. demanded Japan surrender \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- On August 9, 1945, the U.S. dropped a second Atomic Bomb on \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
- The islands of Japan were put directly under the rule of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.
- War crime trials were held. Over 500 military officers committed \_\_\_\_\_ right after Japan surrendered, and many hundreds more were \_\_\_\_\_ for committing war crimes.
- One of the first things that was successfully accomplished was the set up of a system in which \_\_\_\_\_ could be easily distributed to those citizens who now found themselves without the means of getting food regularly and were starving because of it.
- Another part of the reconstruction took place when Japan made a new \_\_\_\_\_ in which they gave their citizens rights.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were granted the right to vote, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was officially removed from politics and instead permanently banished to the status symbol of the country.
- It also abolished a formal state endorsed \_\_\_\_\_ and other religions like Christianity were openly practiced.

- A clause was also put into their constitution which banned Japan from having any sort of armed \_\_\_\_\_ . This ban was lifted after Allied occupation ended.

**Let's Review**

- **When WWII ended, what role did the United States play in the rebuilding of Japan?**
  - An \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ role
- **Specifically, on which elements of the rebuilding process did the United States focus?**
  - Some Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ were put on trial as \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was given to citizens
  - A new \_\_\_\_\_ was created
  - \_\_\_\_\_ were given the right to \_\_\_\_\_
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ was removed from \_\_\_\_\_
  - No state \_\_\_\_\_ – other \_\_\_\_\_ could be practiced
- **What do you think might have happened to Japan if the United States had not aid them in rebuilding?**

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