

Guided Reading Activity



America and World War II, 1941–1945

Lesson 2 *The War in the Pacific*

Review Questions: Recording Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How Statements

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?

2. **Where** did the Japanese strike after Pearl Harbor?

3. **Who** was commander of the U.S. troops on Bataan?

4. **What** was the Bataan Death March?

5. **What** was the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo?

6. **Why** was the Battle of the Coral Sea a significant U.S. victory?

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?

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

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?

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

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

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?
