

**Unit 7: World War II**  
**War in Pacific Webquest**

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Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Island Hopping Strategy** [CLICK HERE](#)

- a. What was the goal of this attack plan?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Who led this attack plan?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How did the Japanese resist and fight against America's attack plan?

**2. Battle of Midway Island (1942)** [CLICK HERE](#)

- a. What class (or type) of American ship did the Japanese seek to destroy at the Battle of Midway Island?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How many Japanese aircraft carriers were destroyed in the battle? Why was this battle a significant victory for America?

**3. Navajo Code Talkers**

*Navajo Code Talkers were WWII secret agents who used a secret code based on their native language. American marines used radios to communicate which could be intercepted by the Japanese so the messages needed to be put through a code machine. But there was no time to use a code machine in the middle of a battle. The problem was solved by using Navajo Code Talkers who would make it possible to relay a message in minutes using their native language that no Japanese soldier was able to understand or identify (since Navajo wasn't a written language it could only be learned from a Navajo Indian.*

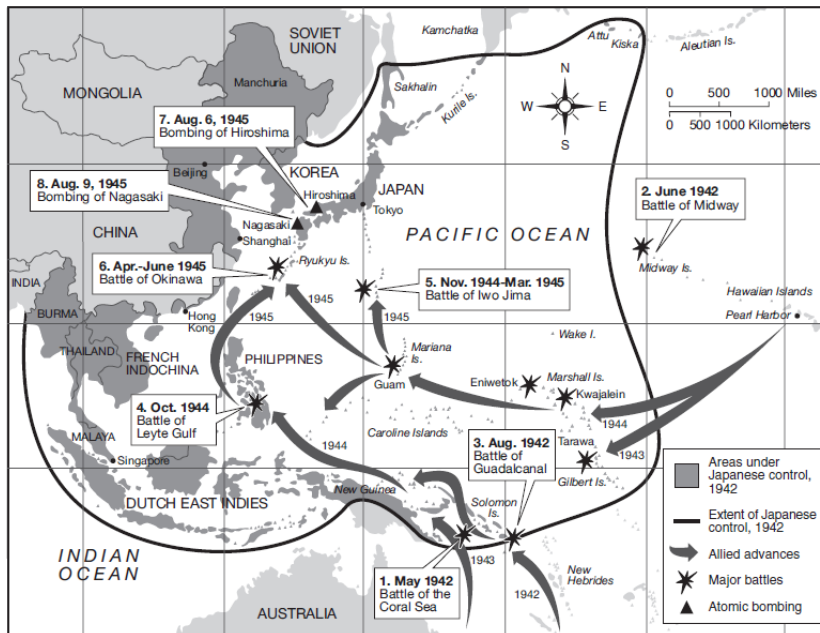
After reading the definition [CLICK HERE](#)

- a. What did the Japanese say when they heard the Navajo message? What does this tell you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How did the Code Talkers help the US marines during the Battle of Saipan (shown in the video)?

#### 4. Kamikaze Pilots [CLICK HERE](#)

- What was a Kamikaze pilot?
- How effective was the Kamikaze attack on the escort carrier USS St. Lo?
- What does Japan's wide use of Kamikaze pilots tell you about its determination to fight America?

#### 5. Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa



- Based on the map, what do the Battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa tell you about the progress of the war (if the goal is to invade Japan)?

#### [Battle of Iwo Jima - CLICK HERE](#)

- How did the terrain (or nature of land) on Iwo Jima help the Japanese defenders?
- How many Japanese defenders were killed or missing during the Battle for Iwo Jima?

#### [Battle of Okinawa - CLICK HERE](#)

- What was the nickname given to the battle?
- The island of Okinawa had 100,000 defenders, it took 82 days to capture and cost the lives of 20,000 Americans. Predict how long it would take and approx. how many American lives to capture mainland Japan given the fact that it would have millions of defenders willing to fight to the death.