**Guided Notes – Holocaust and End of WWII**Video Link: http://bit.ly/holoandendww2vid

Main Idea: During World War II, Germany’s Nazi government deliberately murdered some 6 million Jews and 5 million others in Europe. These actions became known as the Holocaust. In 1945 the Allies finally triumphed over the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific, but the war left many nations in ruin.

Essential Standards:

* **WH.H.8.1** Evaluate global wars in terms of how they challenged political and economic power structures and gave rise to new balances of power.

Golden Hawk Historians will…

* Explain and analyze how changing political power structures can determine the extent of global economic interdependence.
* Evaluate the extent to which changes in political and economic power can follow global conflict.

**Nazi Anti-Semitism**

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| Hitler blamed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Germany’s problems and promoted a belief in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the German people.  **Nuremberg Laws:** |

**The “Final Solution”**

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| **The Final Solution:**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Phase One** | **Phase Two** | **Phase Three** | | |
| **Other Groups Targeted by the Holocaust** | **International Response** |

**War Ends in Europe**

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| **D-Day** | **Battle of the Bulge** |
| **Yalta Conference**  Agreed to: | **V-E Day** |

**War Ends in the Pacific**

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| **Battle of Iwo Jima** | **Battle of Okinawa** |
| **Manhatten Project** | **V-J Day** |

**The Postwar World**

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| **Europe after the War** | |
| **United Nations** | **Nuremberg Trials** |
| **Potsdam Conference** | |

**Check for Understanding**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions to the best of your ability **without** using your notes as much as possible. Check your answers against your notes if needed.

1. Explain and analyze the cause of the Holocaust and the consequences. (Why did Hitler start the Holocaust? Why did the German people let him? What were the consequences on Germany? On Jews? Other minority groups?) **WH.H.8.1**
2. Evaluate the extent to which World War II challenged economic and political power structures and gave rise to a new balance of power in the world. (How did WWII start conflicts between the United States and the Soviet Union over economic and political ideologies such as communism vs. capitalism and dictatorship vs. democracy?) **WH.H.8.1**
3. Explain and analyze the intended and unintended consequences of new national boundaries established by the treaties that ended World War II. (How did the new boundaries set by the treaties that ended WWII create conflict between Western Europe and the Soviet Union? What was the Soviet’s response to these boundaries? What might happen because of their frustration?) **WH.H.8.1**