**Guided Notes – WWII**Video Link: http://bit.ly/WorldWar2vid

Main Idea: World War I left millions of people dead and the map of Europe transformed. With Europe in chaos a new generation of strong leaders promised power and glory. By the end of the 1930s these leaders’ aggressive actions had the world on the brink of another devastating war.

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…

* Evaluate the extent to which the failure of the Treaty of Versailles, the impact of the global depression, and the expansionist policies and actions of Axis nations are viewed as major factors that resulted in World War II.

**Axis Aggression**

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| **Effects of the Treaty of Versailles** | **Hitler’s Aggression** | **Appeasement** |
| **Axis Powers** | **Germany vs. Soviet Union** | |

**Causes of World War II**

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| **World War I Peace Treaty** | **Hitler’s Leadership** |
| **Economic and Political Factors** | **Diplomatic Factors** |

**The War Begins**

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| **Invasion of Poland** | **Invasion of Western Europe** |
| **Attack on France** | **Great Britain’s Response to Germany**  **Battle of Britain** |
| **Attack on the Soviet Union** | **Attack on the United States** |
| **Japan** | |

**The War in Europe and North Africa**

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| **Battle of El Alamein** | **Battle of Stalingrad** |

**The War in the Pacific**

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| **Battle of Midway** | **Battle of Guadalcanal** |

**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. Evaluate the extent to which ONE of the following factors led to the start of WWII: the failure of the Treaty of Versailles, the impact of the global depression, and the expansionist policies and actions of Axis nations. (How did those factors lead to war? What was the impact on the people of the affected nations? How did this lead to increased nationalism and tensions in the affected countries?) **WH.H.8.1**
2. Explain and analyze how Allied countries responded to the expansionist actions of Germany and Italy. (How did Germany and Italy seek to expand their countries past their borders? What military action was taken BEFORE the war started? What is the role of appeasement?) **WH.H.7.4**
3. Evaluate the extent to which ONE of the following battles marked a turning point in WWII: Battle of Stalingrad, Battle of the Atlantic, Battle of Midway. (How did these battles change who was winning and losing the war? How did these battles lead to the end of the war?) **WH.H.7.1**