8th Grade Social Studies Study Guide

Final Exam – 2013

Final Exam covers Chapters 24-27

What you should know: - Significant Key people and events.

* Content Vocabulary within these chapters.

Essential Questions:

* How did prejudice and labor strife affect the nations following WWI?
* How did new technology and forms of transportation change American life?
* What were the factors that brought about The Great Depression?
* How did Franklin Roosevelt’s leadership bring about change in the U.S. economy?
* How did peaceful nations confront foreign aggressors in WWII?
* What strategies did the allies pursue in Europe and Africa to defeat the Axis Powers in WWII?
* What economic, social and political challenges did Americans face after World War II?
* How and why did America involve itself in the Korean conflict of the 1950’s

Consider these Essays:

1. On April 11th, our guest speaker, Sr. Jane Quinlin, shared her personal experiences of how she keeps the United Nations mission alive on a “grass-roots” level. Write about what you know about the UN and how Sr. Jane’s work addresses issues such as peace, children trafficking, and the importance of preserving our natural resources, such as fresh water, so that it is available to all humankind. How can you help carry out the mission of the United Nations?
2. On May 22nd, our quest speaker, Mrs. McKee told about her life in the war in the Pacific; she talked about the Japanese soldiers and the prisoners of the Bataan Death March. Expound upon what you have learned from this dramatic event. What are some things that impressed you most about Mrs. McKee’s experiences? Why?

3. Who attended the Yalta meeting and what agreements were reached

concerning Japan and Germany?

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Final Exam - June 2013

Grade 8 – Social Studies

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Essays: Please select one essay. Write your essay on the notebook paper provided and staple it to the bottom of your exam. Be specific. Good grammar, correct spelling and neatness all count!

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