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The Allies Turn the Tide

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Understand how nations committed all of their resources to fighting World War II.
- Explain how the Allies began to push back the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific.
- Describe the Normandy landings and the Allied advance toward Germany.

Commitment to Total War

Total War- Nations devote all of their resources to the war effort

Britain & the U.S. greatly increased their powers to pour resources into the war



Items would be rationed such as rubber, gasoline, & food & war bonds were sold

The world wide great depression almost was wiped out due to the high demand for war product

Rights

The U.S. & Canada created internment camps, confinement during war time, for Japanese citizens

Britain placed Germans, Italians, & Austrians into Internment camps

Women poured into the work place & Rosie the Riveter became a symbol for the working woman

Some women served in the military as well decoding messages & working on bases

Progress on Three Fronts

At the beginning of the war, it was fought on 3 fronts: Africa/Italy, Soviet Union, & Pacific Ocean

The Battle of the Coral Sea- First naval battle in history composed only by planes



Aircraft carriers- Large ships that transport aircraft & accommodate take-offs/landings of planes

The Battle of Midway saw the United States move on the offensive towards Japan

Strategy

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, & Joseph Stalin meet & agree to focus on the war in Europe

Stalin saw Churchill & Roosevelt as trying to undermine the Soviet Union due to hesitation to attack the western side of Germany

Dwight Eisenhower takes command of British & American forces in North Africa & push out the axis powers

Allied forces then invade Italy forcing Mussolini out & Italy signs armistice

Second Front

Germany tries to take Stalingrad in the winter, but are forced out due to no food or ammunition

Allied forces began to carpet bomb Germany cities & forces to weaken the Nazi party



June 6th, 1944- D-Day: The allies propose a plan to invade Europe at the beaches of Normandy in France

Allies push onto the beach under heavy fire & massive casualties, but make it into France

Advance the War

Soon the allied forces are able to take Paris, & France follows in a month

The Battle of the Bulge- A desperate attempt where Germany tried to push through allied lines, but failed

Yalta Conference- Allied forces plan for post-war Europe & to divide Germany into 4 zones

Stalin agrees to fight Japan within 3 months of Germany's surrender