

## Pacific Theater Fill-In Notes

### **Bataan Death March**

- After Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, \_\_\_\_\_ attacked American airfields in the Philippines and landed their troops in the islands.
- The commander of the Americans and Filipinos defending the Philippines, General Douglas \_\_\_\_\_, retreated to the Bataan Peninsula.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ 75,000 men.
- The surrendered troops were forced to march to the prison camp 65 miles away
- Thousands died on the way
  - Starvation
  - Disease
  - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Doolittle Raid**

- In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor, James Doolittle organized a bombing mission on \_\_\_\_\_, Japan called the Doolittle Raid.
- The Doolittle Raid had two major goals:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Turning Point in the Pacific**

- Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ was the turning point in the Pacific
- This stopped the Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ into the Pacific.
- The consequences of the Battle of Midway for the Japanese were huge. At a stroke they had lost four vital aircraft carriers that were \_\_\_\_\_ to be vital for the Pacific campaign.
- Whereas the Americans could replace the 'Yorktown', the Japanese would have found it very difficult to replace one carrier, let alone four.

### **Island Hopping**

- General Douglas MacArthur's troops used Island Hopping to \_\_\_\_\_ lightly-defended islands throughout the Pacific, one by one, until they had "HOPPED" their way towards Japan
- This would get the U.S. within \_\_\_\_\_ distance of Japan

### **MacArthur Returns**

- In the battle of Leyte Gulf, the U.S. retook the Philippines. First time the Japanese used kamikaze attacks.
  - Douglas \_\_\_\_\_ returns and liberates the Allied POWs

### **Iwo Jima & Okinawa**

- The U.S. fought Japan on numerous islands including Okinawa and \_\_\_\_\_.

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