May 1st, 2008 Last class - Exam 2 PM. on Monday, May 5th

World War II (conclusion)

I) Europe under Hitler
Collaboration & Resistance

II) The Global War
US entry

III Turning Points
Pacific, North Africa, Stalingrad.

IV Allied Victory

Hitler overran Europe. Earlier conquerors Charlamagne, ~~et~~ & Nap. brought enlightment. Hitler brought brutal repression to Europe. Death camps exploited by German industry. Germany armys plundered materials & labor. Slave labor on a massive scale - largest since middle ages.

Reaction of people - mixture of collaboration & resistance. Vichy & in Norway, Quisling, Belgium - lots of collobaration. less coll. in Holland. People ~~resited~~ resisited in Norway scuttling heavy water experiments. Willy Brandt fled to Norway in war. Sweden & Switzerland remained neutral.

Switzerland - nest of spies for all sides. Bank accounts for Nazis. Kept lights on during night so as not to be accidently bombed. Refused entry to Jews. Churches role - Pious 12th, winked at Holocaust. Protested only when Catholics were in danger - History of anti-semetism. On whole, German churches, Catholic & Protestant, were meek. Spain also stayed neutral. Franco not convinced Hitler would win. Remained dictator until 1975.

France - Vichy collaboration. Resistance groups grew as Germans rounded up male youth. Charles De Gaulle - Fled to England, set up Free French, tried to control resistance. Did not work well. DeGaulle did not get along with Churchill or FDR.

Lots of opposition in Czech & Yugoslavia. Assassinated Heydrich SS officer in 1942. Germans destroy Lidice - kill males, send Females to death camps. Effective tool against resistance.

Resistance tied down 4 German troops. Hindered economy. Helped allied troops as they marched across Europe. Some German opposition, little - not mass, in army. Stauffenberg - attempts to kill Hitler. 1944. July 20th - Wolfs liar in Poland, Survived the blast. Stauffenberg - shot. Accomplices were tortured. End of German resistance. Had to conquer Germany from the outside.

Global War - was global in terms of British Empire from start. US - Lindberg - America First movement for isolation. JFK's dad was an isolationist too. US stayed out. Churchill pleaded with FDR to enter war. Dec. 7th, 1941 changed everything.

Implications for Germany. Italy & Germany declare war on US. Why? Hitler already thought he was at war with US. Declaration allowed Germans to attack US shipping. Thought US would be tied down by Japan. Correct at first but faced our wrath later. Hitler thought he could win before US could be a problem. U boats were effective weapon.

Turning Points- Battle of Coral Sea & Midway. Took out 4 Jap. carriers! War without mercy. Thinking of the time. Soviets plead for US to enter a second front. North Africa- was first front for US. Rommel could not stop the attack. He faced pressure from British in Egypt. Brillant but under supplied. Mus. was not effective. Sicily Fell, then moved up the boot of Italy. Mus. overthrown ~~in~~ in 1943. Germans came down after Mus. was overthrown. Firepower won the battle. Gradually Germans are pushed north. Hitler & Freed Mus. Put in charge of puppet state near Lake Varta. Executed by partisans. Hung by his heels- dead- from an Esso station in Milan.

Stalingrad- 1943- Russians lost more in one battle than we lost in entire war. Paulus - German general. House to house combat. Germans run out of supplies. No retreat allowed. Eventually 6th army is encircled & defeated. Crucial victory.

Called Volgagred today.
Allied Victory - D-Day, June 6th, 1944. Germans thought landing would be a Calais. Pysch-Ops was effective. Bloody beach landing. Germans lack supplies. Allies moved quickly, too quickly. Danger of overextending themselves. Battle of Bulge- German counter attack. Ran out of gas & supplies. Allies cross the Rhine in March. Russians are met in April. Dresden - destroyed - no haven allowed For Germans. Berlin taken by Russians. Hitler died in bunker & was burned partially.