Teacher Lecture Notes

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Slide 2: U.S Military knew of possible attack, just did not know where or when. Over 2,300 killed and 1,100 wounded. All 8 battleships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet were sunk or badly damaged - including the U.S.S. Arizona. And yet all of America's aircraft carriers remained untouched.

Slide 3: After several victories for Japan, the allies turned the tide. America was looking for revenge after Pearl Harbor. Doolittle raid sent the message that Japan was vulnerable. Raised American Morale and shook Japanese confidence.

Slide 4: 1,500 miles west of Hawaii. Hidden American military planes attacked the Japanese fleet before many of their planes could get off the aircraft carriers. In total the Japanese lost four carriers, a heavy cruiser, 3,500 men and 270 aircraft during the battle. The Americans lost one carrier, 100 men and 130 aircraft. In return they had halted the mighty Imperial Japanese Navy, and gained the initiative

Slide 5: General MacArthur= Commander of the Allied land forces in the Pacific. Island- hopping= new strategy to tackle Japans tight grip in the Pacific. Learned of Japanese airbase being built of Guadalcanal; wanted to attack before it was finished. Japanese abandoned the island they came to know as “the island of death”.

Slide 7: 1943 Allies began secretly building an invasion force to attack Germen held France. May 1944 the invasion force was ready. July 25 General George Patton broke a hole in Germen defenses. Month later Allies marched into Paris.

Slide 8: Tenacious defense put up by American soldiers, fighting in small groups in sub-zero cold and snow that stopped the German advance. During the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans suffered more than 100,000 casualties; the Americans approximately 81,000.

Slide 12: After Okinawa, the next stop was Japan. Japanese were warned to surrender or they could expect “rain of ruin from the air”. Japan did not reply so U.S went ahead with the use of the Atomic Bomb. Hiroshima bomb nicknamed Little Boy and Nagasaki bomb was Fat Man.