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**The Century, America’s Time:  Civilians at War**

World War II was a total global conflict that affected & changed not only the lives of soldiers fighting the war but also those of non-combatants living in war zones.  The scale of the war encompassed 3 continents & millions of people.  The human costs of total warfare.

1. Why were there so many civilian causalities in WWII?

2.  Some argue that Adolph Hitler had the most impact of any one person in the 20th century.  What were some of his plans to dominate the world?

3.  Why did Hitler want attempt to eliminate all Jews of the world?

4.  The atrocities committed against the Jewish people in WW II are among the most horrific ever imagined.  Why were German soldiers willing to commit these atrocities for their country & their leader?

5.  Why did Heinrich Himmler, chief of Hitler’s Gestapo, search for a more efficient method of killing Jews instead of continuing to shoot them?

6.  Why did the Holocaust happen in our “modern society”?

7.  Compare Japanese & German racial ideology.

8.  How were Japanese soldiers acculturated to being killing machines?

9.  Discuss Truman’s decision to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

10.  What did the Nuremberg Trials accomplish?