World War 2 Midterm Exam Topics

You will have the option to choose 1 essay or 2 short essays.

1. How did imperialism play a role in WW2?
2. Describe the personalities and ruling style of the following WW2 leaders: FDR, Churchill, Stalin, and Hitler. How did their governing style contribute to WW2?
3. The idea of “freedom” meant various things to the Axis and Allied powers. Explain.
4. Consider the role of technology during World War II. Did it fundamentally affect the outcome of the war? If so, how? If not, why not?
5. Discuss the issues surrounding the United States’ decision to use atomic bombs against Japan. What motives were behind this action, and what arguments have been made against it?
6. Compare the military strategy of Germany, Great Britain/USA. How were they similar and what overall strategy made it obvious that the Allies would win the war?
7. How did government ideology play a part in World War 2?
8. Was the attack on Hiroshima justifiable?
9. What was the fight of WW2 really for? Territory, power, freedom, survival, knowledge?
10. How was the Holocaust a contributing factor to the war, cost of the war, and length of the war?