America: The Story of Us World War II ~ Episode 10

- 1. What fledging technology was ignored prior to the attack on Pearly Harbor?
- 2. Why was the Pearl Harbor attack such a shock to the United States?
- 3. What were the results of the attack on Pearl Harbor?
- 4. Describe America's transformation into "an arsenal of democracy." What new and lasting technologies were developed? What did these technologies come to symbolize?
- 5. How did World War II affect women?
- 6. How did the war advance the rights of women?
- 7. How did World War II impact the economy of the United States?
- 8. How are making weapons as dangerous as using weapons? What are the human costs?
- 9. Describe the United States role in air combat over Europe during World War II? What are the risks of these missions? What new technologies are employed?
- 10. What are the results of bombing industrial targets near civilian homes?
- 11. During World War II, the American Armed Forces were still segregated by race. Why do you think this issue became increasingly important during this era, leading to the desegregation of the Armed Forces a few years after the war? (Hint: You will need to come back to this question after the sequence on D-Day.)
- 12. Describe the preparation for and execution of Operation Overlord (D-Day).
- 13. Why was the invention of penicillin so important in the context of World War II?
- 14. What were some of the other advances in medicine that were important during the war?
- 15. Describe the development of the atomic bomb. Why were even the scientists who worked on the program skeptical about its effectiveness?
- 16. What was the impact of using the atomic bomb on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- 17. Overall, what were the consequences of World War II for the United States?
- 18. How was the United States changed by the war?

