

American Military Experience



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BOOK REVIEWS and PRESENTATIONS



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| 15 APR | Paper Due | Ashley Conrad |
| 20 APR | Paper Due | Amanda Graham |
| 22 APR | Presentation | Ashley Conrad |
| | Paper Due | Brandi Diket |
| 27 APR | Presentation | Amanda Graham |
| 29 APR | Presentation | Brandi Diket |

Key Dates



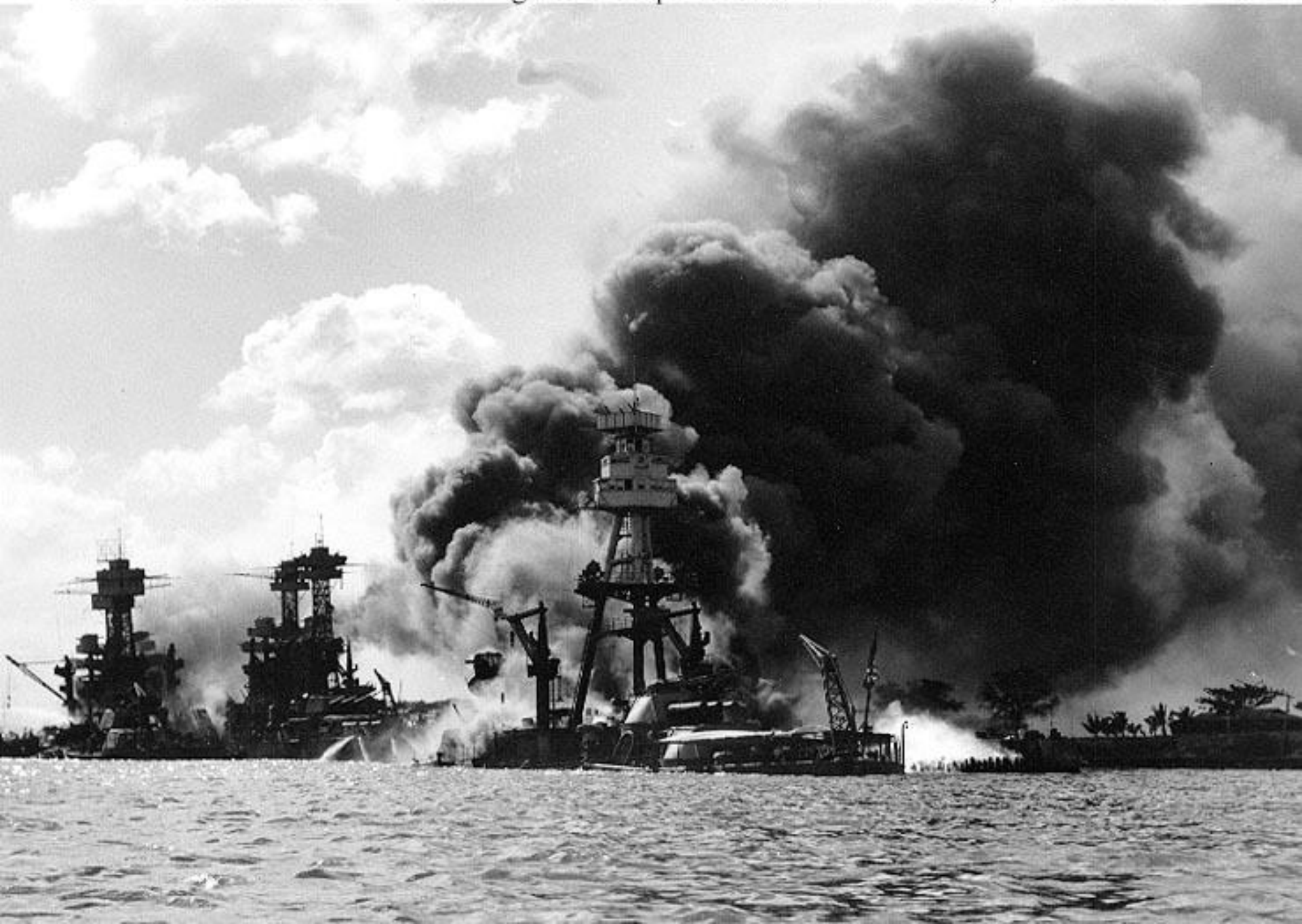
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| 30 MAR | Article Review #2 due - TODAY |
| 4 APR | Quiz Chapters II 5 & 6 |
| 10 APR | STAFF RIDE – Battle of Mobile Bay |
| 11 APR | Quiz Chapters II 7 & 8 |
| 15 APR | Article #3 (II-7 – II-14) sélection due |
| 18 APR | Quiz Chapters II 9 & 10 |
| 22 APR | Article Review #3 due |
| 25 APR | Quiz Chapters II 11 |
| 29 APR | Quiz Chapters II 12, 13, & 14 |
| 4 MAY | Final Exam (Book II) |

The Global War, 1942-45



Now, you when and made me mad!

Photo # NH 97378 USS Arizona burning after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941



US Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, 1940





Strategic Decisions



- Revenge
- US is a Naval Power
- Japanese attack our AI
- Japanese are immediate threat
- Atlantic is VERY dangerous
- Ethnic Differences
- Moral Obligation to the Philippines

- Greater Potential Threat
- Save the Soviets
- GB is Jump off Point
- COALITION**

- #1 Arsenal of Democracy
- #2 Germany 1st
- #3 Coalition with UK

Expansion of the U. S. Military

| | 1939 | 1941 | 1943 | 1945 |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Army | .183 | 1.657 | 7.582 | 8.157 |
| Navy | .145 | .383 | 2.381 | 3.408 |
| Marines | .025 | .075 | .405 | .485 |
| USCG | .010 | .027 | .171 | .170 |
| TOTAL | .363 | 2.142 | 10.539 | 12.220 |

* Strength x million

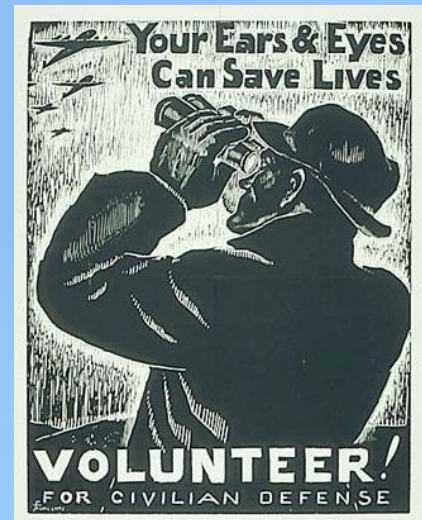
Call out the National Guard

The National Guard. The training of many of the NG men was extremely minimal. As in WWI, the Regulars deemed many Guard officers physically and otherwise unfit. 215,000 called to active serving in 1940.

ROTC. In 1940, 106,000 Reserve officers of high quality eligible for active service. Marshall regarded them as “probably our greatest asset during this present expansion.”

By 1941, 42 states had created their own defense programs (Alabama State Guard consisted of 25 companies with 1,400 men.)

By 1943, 12 million Americans had volunteer roles
Air-raid wardens, aircraft spotters, CAP
Disaster planning became a permanent function of government, and was the chief legacy of wartime civilian defense.

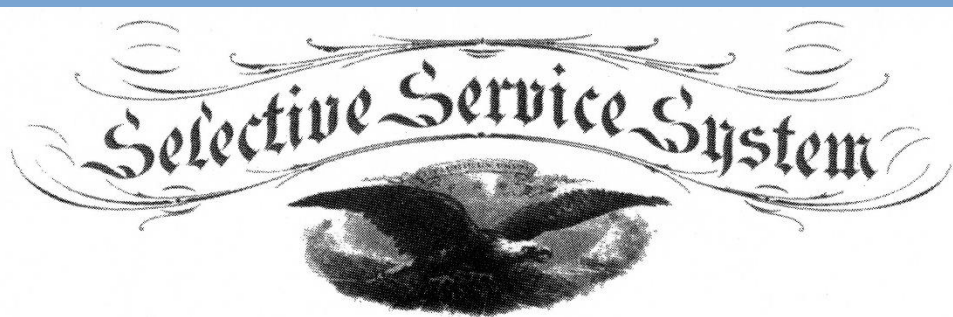


Greetings from the President

The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940
first peacetime conscription in United States history

Over 10 million men were inducted before the end of the war

| 1940 | 1941 | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 |
|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 18,633 | 923,842 | 3,033,361 | 3,323,970 | 1,591,942 | 945,862 | 183,383 |



Certificate of Appointment

To all who shall see these presents, greetings:

Know Ye, that because of demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and abilities,

Wayne E. Sirmon

has been appointed to the position of
Local Board Member of the State of Alabama,

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921) 12493

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| SERIAL NUMBER | 1. NAME (Print) | | ORDER NUMBER |
| T 118 | WILLIAM Joseph Sirmon | | T 12494 |
| 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) | | | |
| 1570 Orange St. Mobile Ala. | | | |
| [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL] | | | |
| 3. MAILING ADDRESS | | | |
| same | | | |
| [Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same] | | | |
| 4. TELEPHONE | 5. AGE IN YEARS | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH | |
| | 39 | Mobile | |
| | DATE OF BIRTH | (Town or county) | |
| | Sept 8 1902 | Alabama | |
| (Exchange) | (Number) | (Mo.) | (Day) (Ye.) (State or country) |
| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS | | | |
| Anna Lee Sirmon 1570 Orange St. Mobile | | | |
| 8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS | | | |
| City of Mobile City Hall | | | |
| 9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS | | | |
| Postage Department, Mobile, Ala. | | | |
| (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State) | | | |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. | | | |
| D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42) | (over) | ★ GPO 16-21030-1 | William Joseph Sirmon (Registrar's signature) |

Mobile's War Effort



WWII on the Homefront:
War Town Mobile, Alabama



Mobile's War Effort

- 29 Minesweepers
- 30 C-2 Cargo Ships
- 20 Liberty Ships
- 102 T-2 Tankers
- 1 Landing Ship Dock



Navy Unit Commendation
Meritorious Unit Commendation
American Campaign
WWII Victory
WWII Occupation
National Defense Medal
Korean Service
Armed Forces Expeditionary
Vietnam Service
Vietnam Gallantry Cross
UN Korean Service
Vietnam Campaign
R.O.K. War Service

USS Fort Marion (LSD-22)

Launched, 22 May 1945, at Gulf Shipbuilding Corp, Chickasaw, AL



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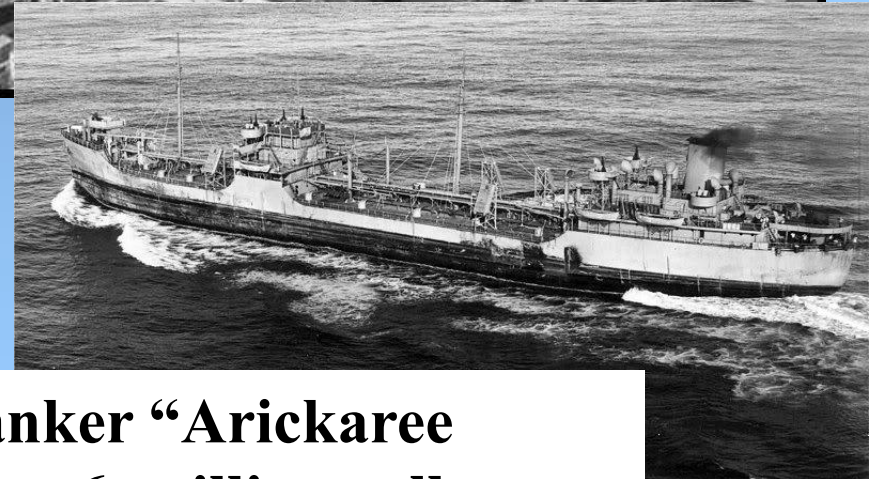


**SS J.L.M. Curry (hull #1)
Delivered 15 May 1942**

11 kts. 9,140 tons of cargo

America's War Effort

787 Minesweepers
173 C-2 Cargo Ships
2,761 Liberty Ships
536 T-2 Tankers
40 Landing Ship Dock



T-2 Tanker "Arickaree"
15 kts. 6 million gallons

Military Production

| | Allies (-USA) | USA | Germany |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Tanks | 138,825 | 88,410 | 46,857 |
| Artillery | 657,292 | 257,390 | 159,147 |
| Machineguns | 2,064,644 | 2,679,840 | 674,280 |
| Trucks | 678,043 | 2,382,311 | 345,914 |
| Aircraft | 308,322 | 324,750 | 189,307 |
| Crude Oil (millions of tons) | 210 | 833 | 62 |

Naval Construction

| | USA | UK | USSR | Italy | Japan | Germany |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| Carriers | 22 | 14 | - | - | 16 | - |
| Escort Carriers | 141 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Battleships | 8 | 5 | - | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Cruisers | 48 | 32 | 2 | 6 | 9 | - |
| Destroyers | 349 | 240 | 25 | 6 | 63 | 17 |
| Convoy Escorts | 420 | 413/191* | - | - | - | 23 |
| Submarines | 422 | 167 | 52 | 28 | 167 | 1,337 |
| Merchant (x 1,000 tons) | 33,993 | 6,379 / 6,445** | - | 470 | 4,152 | - |

* Canada

** Canada & Commonwealth

U.S. Ammunition Output

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Aircraft Bombs | 531,000,000 tons |
| Depth Charges | 529,000 |
| Torpedoes | 54,000 |
| Artillery rounds | 47,000,000 tons |
| Small arms rounds | 44,000,000,000 |

The Role of Air Power

B-17



B-29



B-24



The Costs

- **29,000 U.S. airmen, 8,200 bombers lost.**
- **About 600,000(?) civilian casualties.**
- **Firestorms:**

**Hamburg:
July, 1943**

**Dresden:
Feb., 1945**





Turning Points of the War: Western Front

- **Operation Torch (1943)**
 - Allied victory in North Africa and invasion of Italy.
- **D-Day: Operation Overlord**
 - The Allied needed to establish a second front.
 - General Dwight Eisenhower launched an invasion of Normandy on **June 6, 1944**.
 - An invasion fleet of some 4,000 ships and 150,000 men (57,000 U.S.)
 - Invasion successful. 5,000 killed and wounded Allied troops.
 - It allowed them to gain a foothold on the continent from which they could push Germany back.

Race to Berlin



- D-Day was the turning point of the western front. Stalingrad was the turning point of the eastern front.
- The British, U.S., and Free French armies began to press into western Germany as the Soviets invaded eastern Germany.
- Both sides raced to Berlin. *(not really)*

Chapter 25 – The Crisis Deepens: World War II

Victory in Europe

- Mussolini was captured and killed by Italian partisans and Hitler committed suicide in April 1945, as the Russian troops took Berlin.
- **Germany surrendered unconditionally on May 7, 1945 (V-E Day).**
- Fighting in the Pacific would continue until August.



NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY



Yom HaShoah

From evening of
Monday, April 20, 2020
Until
Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Yom HaShoah

**Holocaust
Remembrance
Day**



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SO YOU KEPT IT TO REMIND YOURSELF ABOUT THE DANGERS OF POLITICAL EXTREMISM?

NO, MY DEAR. TO REMIND YOU



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The Aryan Race

—

The Master Race





Kenntzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge in den Konzentrations Lagern

| | Politisch | Berufs- verbrecher | Emigrant | Bibelforscher | Homo- sexuell | Arbeits- süchtig | Arbeits- süchtig |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Grundfarben | | | | | | | |
| Abzeichen für Rückfällige | | | | | | | |
| Strafkomp | | | | | | | |
| Juden | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Jüdischer Rasseschänder | Fluchtverdächtiger | | 1a Häftling | | | |
| Beispiel: Politisch, Jude, Rückfällig, Strafkomp. | | | | | | | |
| | Pole | Tscheche | | | | | |

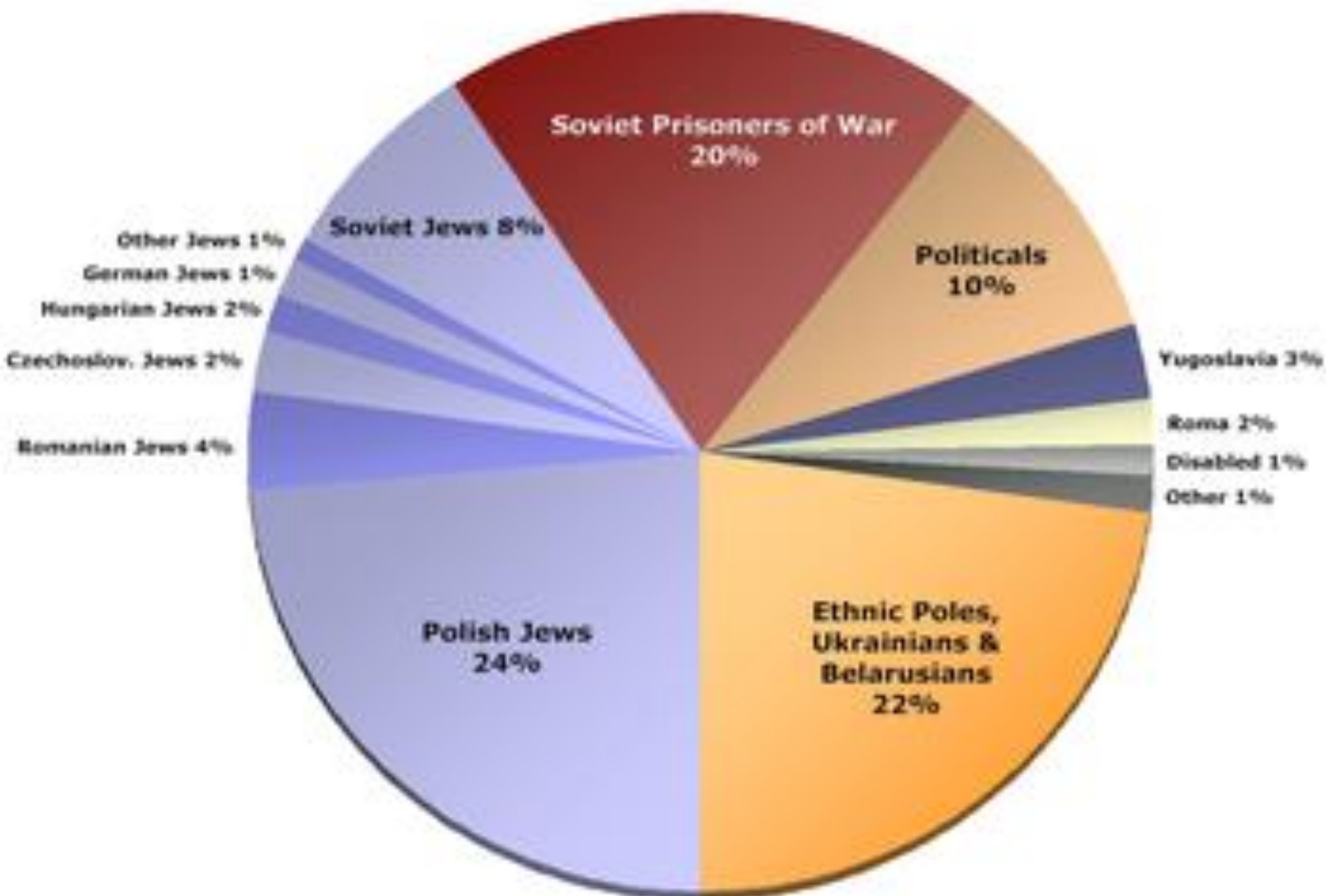
- Red - Political**
- Green - Criminals**
- Blue - Foreign**
- Pink - homosexual**
- Purple - Jehovah's Witnesses**
- Black - asocial**
- Brown - Gypsies**
- Yellow - Jew**



The Holocaust

| Victims | Killed |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jews | 5.9 million |
| Soviet POWs | 2-3 million |
| Ethnic Poles | 1.8-2 million |
| Romani (Gypsies) | 220,000-1,500,000 |
| Disabled | 200,000-250,000 |
| Freemasons | 80,000 |
| Homosexuals | 5,000-15,000 |
| Jehovah's Witnesses | 2,500-5,000 |
| TOTAL | 10.2 – 12.2 million |

Holocaust Deaths

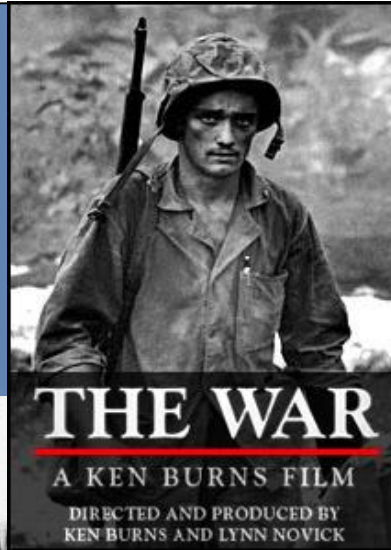




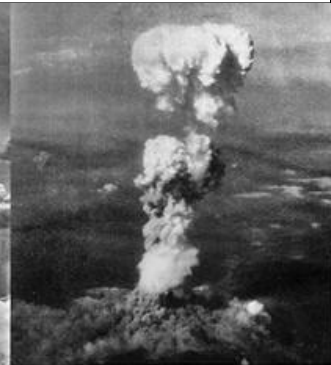
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World War II The Pacific War

Chapter 25-D



Nagasaki



Hiroshima



THE PACIFIC

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