Chiang Kai Shek

* Chinese military/political leader
* Succeeded Sun Yat-sen as head of the Guomindang in 1925
* Too brutal, over taxed and over drafted population

(1893-1976) Mao ZeDong

* First reaction was to call for violence
* early 1920s joins communist party
* In Jiangxi, studied conditions among peasants, planned to redistribute land from the wealthier to the poorer peasants,
* advocate of women’s equality: Women farmers, no arranged marriages
* Guomindang army chased Communists into the mountains, Mao responded with guerilla warfare, treated local population better
* Leader of the Chinese Communist Party (1827-1976)
* rebuilt the Communist Party and Red Army during the Japanese occupation of China (1937-1945)
* After WWII, led Communists to victory over the Guomindang and ordered the Cultural Revolution in 1966

Long March: 1934- Mao and followers broke out of southern mountains and marched north to Shaanxi pursued by the army and bombed by Chiang’s aircraft, only 4,000 out of 100,000 Communists reached the destination

Stalingrad:

* city in Russia, site of a Red Army victory over the German army in 1942-1943
* The Battle of Stalingrad was the turning point in the war between Germany and the Soviet Union

El Alamen: town in Egypt, site of the victory by Britain’s Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery over German forces led by General Erwin Rommel in 1942-1943

Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii attacked by Japanese aircraft on December 7, 1941, and sunk US warships, leads to US joining WWII

Battle of Midway: U.S. victory over the Japanese fleet in June 1942, Japan devastatingly loses 4 aircraft carriers

Hiroshima: city in Japan, the first to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, on August 6, 1945, the bombing hastened the end of WWII

Auschwitz: Nazi extermination camp in Poland, the largest center with most deaths in Holocaust, close to a million Jews, Gypsies, Communists, etc killed

Holocaust Nazis’ program during WWII to kill people they considered undesirable, some 6 million Jews perished during the Holocaust, along with millions of Poles, Gypsies, Communists, Socialists, and etc.