Pacific cults of World War II

islands meant drastic changes to the lifestyle of the islanders, many of whom had never seen

goods arrived in vast quantities for the soldiers, who often shared some of it with the islanders

The most widely known period of cargo cult activity occurred among the Melanesian islanders

goods and used the beliefs of the Melanesians to attempt to gain their compliance. The vast

the largest war ever fought by technologically advanced nations. The Japanese distributed

in the years during and after World War II. A small population of indigenous peoples observed,,

amounts of military equipment and supplies that both sides airdropped to troops on these

outsiders before. Manufactured clothing, medicine, canned food, tents, weapons and other

who were their guides and hosts. This was true of the Japanese Army as well, at least initially

before relations deteriorated in most regions.







Vocabulary revision