WWII in the Pacific
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Iwo Jima

- Most people don't think of Japan when they think of WWII

- War in Japan was very brutal.

War In Japan

Pearl Harbor
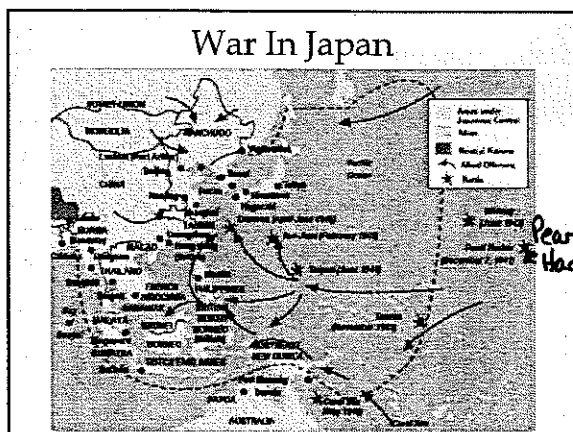
- Island hopping - going from one island to another (not just attacking mainland)

- U.S. never sends men to Japan's mainland
  ↳ bombed main land

Characteristics of Japanese Soldiers
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- ❧ Total Sacrifice
  - ❧ No surrender

- ❧ Fight until the last possible moment
  - ❧ Long battles

- ❧ No age limit
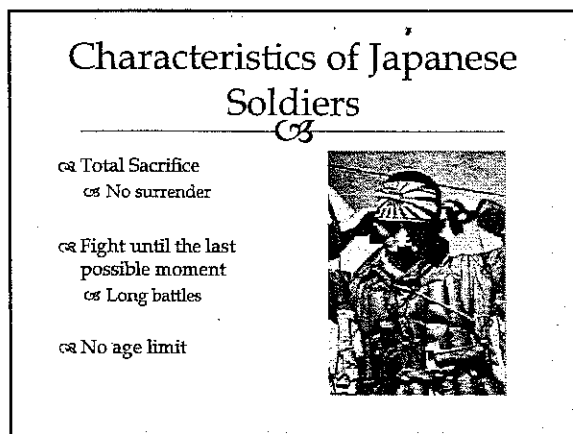
- Teaching young and old women how to fight on mainland of Japan

- Total Sacrifice = fight to death

Kamikaze
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Ꮳ "Special Attack Unit"
  Ꮳ 3,860 *kamikaze* pilots were killed
  Ꮳ about 19% of *kamikaze* attacks managed to hit a ship
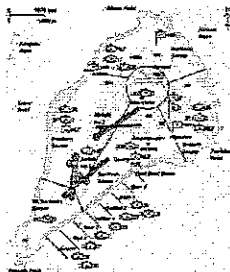Ꮳ Began in 1944
  Ꮳ Out of desparation
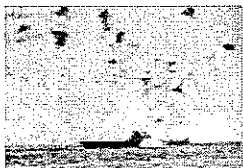
- Main mission was to fly plane into enemy ship

- Most planes were unsuccessful with mission because they were shot down

Case Study: Iwo Jima
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Ꮳ Porkchop

Ꮳ Vital airstrip for Japan

Ꮳ 1/3 of all Marine losses during World War II happened at Iwo Jima
  Ꮳ Costliest Marine battle in history

- U.S. wanted to take control of island because of the airstrips

Japanese Holdout
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Ꮳ Fortified tunnels and caves **-Invisible enemy**

Ꮳ On principal, Japanese did not surrender

Ꮳ Hiroo Onoda
  Ꮳ hid in jungle of the Philippines for 29 years
  Ꮳ Followed orders
    ↳ did not surrender

Iwo Jima Statistics
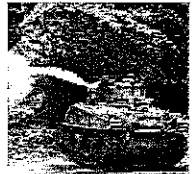
- *Iwo* is the Japanese word for sulfur
- Mt. Suribachi
  - connected by a total of 13,000 yards of tunnels
  - 750 major defense installations
- The invasion lasted 36 days

Iwo Jima Statistics

	KIA	DOW	MIA	WIA	Total
Marines	4,554	1,331	46	17,272	23,203
Naval FMF Medical Personnel	178	19	0	541	738
Naval Construction	42	7	2	218	269
Naval Ships, craft and air units	143	44	446	1,158	1,791
Army	9	0	0	28	37
	4,926	1,401	494	19,217	26,038

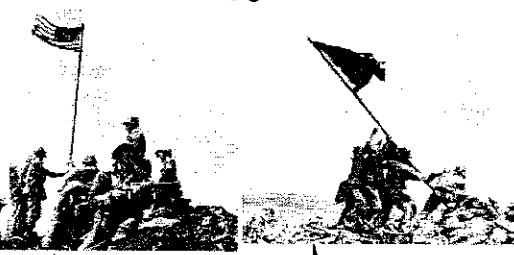KIA = Killed in Action
DOW = Died of Wounds
MIA = Missing in Action
WIA = Wounded in Action

• only battle were U.S. had more men die, but still won battle

Flag Raising/Symbolism

1st Flag raised (smaller)   2nd Flag raised (larger)

• Symbolized that U.S. was winning