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8.02 Pacific Battle Map

**Directions:** The descriptions below have locations and battles that are important to World War II in the Pacific. Fill-in-the-blanks with the correct letters from the map below (it is also linked in the lesson) that fit with the locations or battles in the descriptions.

1. In 1931, the Empire of **Japan** (      ) invaded **Manchuria** (     ) in order to increase its natural resources. This began a push by Japan into mainland Asia that continued throughout the 1930’s.
2. By the 1940s, Japan was slowly pressing into **China** (     ) and prepared to make a major assault in the Pacific Theater.
3. In order to prevent the U.S. from interfering with their plans, they staged a sneak attack at **Pearl Harbor** (     ) on December 7th, 1941.
4. On December 8th, 1941, the Japanese attacked the American forces in the **Philippine Islands** (     ), the British holdings of **Hong Kong** (     ) and Singapore, on the **Malayan peninsula** (     ).
5. Japan continued to conquer territory throughout the Pacific towards **Australia** (     ).
6. By May of 1942, the Japanese reached the **Coral Sea** (     ), where American ships were waiting for them. This battle was technically a draw, but it marked the first set-back in Japan’s offensive.
7. In June of 1942, the Japanese sent a large fleet to the island of **Midway** (     ). At the Battle of Midway, the U.S. Navy sunk four Japanese aircraft carriers, scoring a clear victory and turning the tide of the war in the Pacific!
8. On August 7, 1942, the 1st Marine Division lands on **Guadalcanal** (     ). It would take nearly three years and many hard-fought battles for islands large and small to get U.S. forces within striking distance of Japan.
9. In February of 1945, 30,000 U.S. Marines land on the tiny island of **Iwo Jima** (     ). The battle cost nearly 7,000 U.S. lives and most of the 22,000-man Japanese garrison.
10. In April of 1945, more than 180,000 Americans land on the island of **Okinawa** (     ) and face a Japanese army half their size.
11. Japan is unwilling to surrender and prepares to fight to the very end. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb is dropped on **Hiroshima** (     ). On August 14, Japan surrenders.

