Guided Reading Activity 21-5

DIRECTIONS: Outlining Read the section and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The Third Reich Collapses

- **A.** As the Americans pushed east toward Germany, Hitler began a last offensive that became known as _____.
- **B.** By the end of February 1945, American troops had fought their way to the

_____, Germany's last major line of defense in the west.

C. On ______, Germany surrendered, and the next day was proclaimed V-E Day for "Victory in Europe."

II. Japan Is Defeated

- A. American military planners decided to invade ______ so that American _____ could land and refuel before bombing Japan.
- **B.** The firebombing of ______ killed over 80,000 people and destroyed more than 250,000 buildings in the city.
- C. To aid a possible invasion of Japan, the United States captured the island of
- **D.** The American program to build an atomic bomb was code-named the
- E. In 1942, Leo Szilard and Enrico Fermi built the world's first ______ at the University of Chicago.
- F. The Allies threatened Japan with ______ if the nation did not surrender unconditionally, but the Japanese did not reply.
- **G.** Faced with the massive destruction of the nuclear attacks and the shock of the _____ joining the Allies, the Japanese emperor ordered his government to surrender on August 15, 1945.

III. Building a New World

- A. President Roosevelt believed that a new international political organization could prevent another world war, and he was instrumental in creating the
- B. At the Nuremburg trials, the International Military Tribunal (IMT) tried German leaders suspected of _______.
- **C.** The Allies did not put the emperor of Japan on trial in order to avoid