

# Lesson 5

## Europe and Japan in Ruins



# Setting the Stage

- After six long years of war, the Allies finally were victorious. However, their victory had been achieved at a very high price. World War II had caused more death and destruction than any other conflict in history. It left over 60 million dead. About one-third of these deaths occurred in one country, the Soviet Union. Another 50 million people had been uprooted from their homes and wandered the countryside in search of somewhere to live. Property damage ran into billions of U.S. dollars.

# Displaced Refugees

- *“Across Europe a wild tide of frantic survivors was flowing... Many of them didn’t really know where to go... And yet the survivors continued their pilgrimage of despair... ‘Perhaps someone is still alive...’ Someone might tell where to find a one’s people was stronger than hunger, thirst, fatigue.”*
- **Simon Weisenthal**, a prisoner at Auschwitz, described the search made by Holocaust survivors.

# Cost of World War II

Costs of World War II: Allies and Axis			
	Direct War Costs	Military Killed/Missing	Civilians Killed
<b>United States</b>	\$288.0 billion*	292,131**	—
<b>Great Britain</b>	\$117.0 billion	272,311	60,595
<b>France</b>	\$111.3 billion	205,707***	173,260†
<b>USSR</b>	\$93.0 billion	13,600,000	7,720,000
<b>Germany</b>	\$212.3 billion	3,300,000	2,893,000††
<b>Japan</b>	\$41.3 billion	1,140,429	953,000

# #8a

As you read this lesson, fill out the following charts by writing notes to describe conditions in postwar Europe and Japan. **Pgs. 552-557**

<b>Postwar Europe:</b>	
1. Note three ways war affected the land and people of Europe.	
2. Note three political problems postwar governments faced.	
3. Note one way the Allies dealt with the Holocaust.	

# #8b

## Postwar Japan:

4. Note two effects of Allied bombing raids on Japan.

5. Note three ways U.S. occupation changed Japan.

6. Note three provisions in Japan's new constitution.