



# MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

## Ben Steele Film Viewing Guide

Directions: Complete the statements and questions below as you view the Ben Steele film.

1. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched attacks against the United States at Pearl Harbor and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. One of the United States soldiers stationed in the Philippines during the Japanese invasion is Ben Steele, a young man from the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The American forces on the Bataan Peninsula surrendered on
  - a. December 7, 1941
  - b. December 8, 1941
  - c. April 9, 1942
  - d. April 1, 1945
4. Steele, along with 75,000 American and Filipino troops are forced to walk 65 miles to San Fernando. This event became known as
  - a. The Battle of Okinawa
  - b. The Battle of Wake Island
  - c. The Doolittle Raid
  - d. The Bataan Death March
5. During the march, soldiers who are too ill, wounded, or who fall behind are \_\_\_\_\_ by Japanese guards.
6. Steele and other prisoners who survived the march are sent to Camp O'Donnell, where there is little food, water, and medicine. Prisoners who are sickest are taken to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many POWs, including Steele, suffered from \_\_\_\_\_ such as beriberi, dysentery, pneumonia, blood poisoning, and malaria.
8. In July 1944, Steele is sent to work as a laborer in Japan. Transportation to Japan was by ship. Due to the filthy conditions, these transports were nicknamed "\_\_\_\_\_."
9. Steele is working on a Japanese coal mine on August 6, 1945, when an atomic bomb is dropped on
  - a. Hiroshima
  - b. Nagasaki
  - c. Tokyo
  - d. Osaka
10. Decades after his POW experience, how did Steele view the Japanese?