

BATAAN PROJECT – HELL SHIPS WORKSHEET

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DIRECTIONS: Using the links provided, answer the following questions. Use back of page for longer answers.

1. Why did the ships being used to transport POWs from the Philippines to Japan, or another occupied country, become known as " HELL SHIPS "?
2. After Bataan and Corregidor surrendered, when did the first Hell Ship LEAVE Manila for another country occupied by the Japanese?
3. What was the NAME of that Hell Ship?
4. What happened to the POWs on the Hell Ship SHINYO MARU ?
5. a) How many POWs were ONBOARD the Shinyo Maru ? b) How many DIED in the ship's sinking? a) _____ b) _____
6. What was the main CAUSE OF DEATH for those who died in the sinking of the Shinyo Maru ?
7. a) Approximately how many POWs were on the ARISAN MARU ? b) How many POWs SURVIVED the ship's sinking? a) _____ b) _____
8. a) How many members of the 17TH ORDNANCE COMPANY were on the Arisan Maru ? b) Did any SURVIVE the ship's sinking? a) _____ b) _____
9. a) How many POWs were ONBOARD the ORYOKU MARU ? b) How many SURVIVED its sinking?
10. a) How many members of the 17TH were ONBOARD the Oryoku Maru ? b) How many SURVIVED its sinking? a) _____ b) _____

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11. What was the name of the FINAL Hell Ship to successfully leave Manila for Japan?
12. How LONG did it take this ship to reach Japan?
13. What were the TWO REASONS that the time it took for the ships to reach Japan INCREASED ?
14. Which of the later hell ships took the LONGEST to reach its destination?
15. The U.S. Military had cracked the Japanese MILITARY CODE and knew which ships were carrying Prisoners of War. Why did the U.S. Military not tell the crews of U.S. Submarines about these ships?
16. How could the Japanese have PREVENTED these ships from being sunk which they refused to do?
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