

# EXPERIENCE

## YOUR NATIONAL PARK

### Multiple Perspectives at Piti Guns

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Today, three WWII guns rest silently within a mahogany forest in Piti. The people of Japan, Guam and the United States were involved in the history of this site and each hold a different perspective of the war. Find out more about what happened at this location by reading the signs located around the park.

#### Japanese Perspective

1. Examine the map on the left. Why do you think Japanese soldiers decided to place the guns at this location in Piti? (Look at the sign by the 3<sup>rd</sup> gun)



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Three large Japanese coastal defense guns can be found here. How large are the guns? \_\_\_\_\_ cm or \_\_\_\_\_ inches (look at the sign by the 1<sup>st</sup> gun)

#### Chamorro Perspective

3. Using \_\_\_\_\_ for rollers, Chamorros were forced to haul the guns up the steep slope. (Look at the sign by the 3<sup>rd</sup> gun)

4. Forced \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the many hardships native islanders experienced during the war. (Look at the sign by the 3<sup>rd</sup> gun)

#### American Perspective

5. The Piti Guns hike is like a jungle patrol: the steep terrain

and dense tropical \_\_\_\_\_ are typical of obstacles U.S. troops encountered during their uphill, inland sweep following the July 21, 1944 landing. (Look at the sign at the beginning of the trail)

6. American soldiers discovered the guns weeks after the battle was over because the guns were camouflaged with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Look at the sign by the 3<sup>rd</sup> gun)



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## Multiple Perspectives at Piti Guns Teacher Answer Sheet

1. Examine the map on the left. Why do you think Japanese soldiers decided to place the guns at this location in Piti?

The guns were mounted at least 70 m in elevation, which was high ground, and were placed in preparation for the impending American invasion. The guns were intended to be used primarily against ships and landing craft.

2. Three large Japanese coastal defense guns can be found on this trail. How large are the guns?

14 cm or 5.5 inches

3. Using tree trunks for rollers, Chamorros were forced to haul the guns up the steep slope.

4. Forced labor was one of the many hardships native islanders experienced during the war.

5. The Piti Guns hike is like a jungle patrol: the steep terrain and dense tropical vegetation are typical of obstacles U.S. troops encountered during their uphill, inland sweep following the July 21, 1944 landing.

6. American soldiers discovered the guns weeks after the battle was over because the guns were camouflaged with palm leaves and brush.

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