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Step Back in Time: Ga'an Point Audio Review

Student Name: _____

Agat, with its two prominent World War II landing beaches, Ga'an Point and Apaca Point, represents the southern invasion site for American troops on July 21, 1944. Many historic World War II structures and armaments can be seen throughout the 38 land acres and 557 water acres.

Visit the site with your teacher and use the War in the Pacific National Historical Park's mobile web app at wapa.toursphere.com or call the cell phone audio tour at 866-418-3963 to complete the activity below.

Japanese Defense

Press #5 to hear about how the Japanese prepared to defend Ga'an Point from the American soldiers. Listen and answer the following questions.

A. Find and write down the name of the Japanese weapon that can still be found at Ga'an Point:

B. Who worked night and day to build the beach defenses prior to the arrival of the Americans?

C. When the Japanese heard the island of Saipan had fallen to the Americans, what did they assume would happen next?

Americans Land

Press #6 to hear US Marine Sergeant Thomas O'Neill's experience when he landed at Ga'an Point.

D. Look out on the shore. Imagine you are Sergeant O'Neill. Describe your emotions as you reach the reef outside of Ga'an Point.

E. What do you think he meant when he said, "the beaches were under fire?"

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Dual 25mm anti aircraft gun, 200mm naval gun, 37mm gun, or 75mm Howitzer gun.

B. Who worked night and day to build the beach defenses prior to the arrival of the Americans?

Japanese troops and forced Chamorro & Korean laborers

C. When the Japanese heard the island of Saipan had fallen to the Americans, what did they assume would happen next?

Guam would very likely be the next target that Americans would seek to recapture

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D. Imagine you are Sergeant O'Neill. Describe your emotions as you reach the reef outside of Ga'an Point.

Possible answers: Stressed, frightened, tired, etc

E. What do you think he meant when he said, "the beaches were under fire?"

He might have been describing things blowing up and exploding around him. Also, Japanese soldiers were shooting at American soldiers all around them as they waded on the shore.

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