

# EXPERIENCE



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### Familiarize with Fonte Plateau

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*The high ground above Asan Beach is known as Fonte Plateau. During World War II, the Japanese military used this bunker as a Communications Center. Today, this historical site is protected and maintained by the War in the Pacific National Historical Park. Visit with your teacher and answer the following questions:*

1. Stand on the grassy mound in front of the two entrances. Explain why this was an ideal location to construct the bunker (think about the direction bunker is facing, altitude of bunker, how visible it is from afar).
2. Walk inside the bunker. Take note of how much light is inside and how much space there is. What do you think it must have been like to stay inside here for the Japanese soldiers?



*Check out War in the Pacific National Historical Park's mobile web app at [wapa.toursphere.com](http://wapa.toursphere.com) or call the cell phone audio tour at 866-418-3963. Click 10 to hear about Fonte Plateau's history. Listen and circle if the statements below are true or false:*

5. T or F After World War II, the area was transformed into a headquarters for Admiral Chester Nimitz.
6. T or F The leader of this site during the war was Lieutenant General Takashina Takashi.
7. T or F The small raised platform inside held a very large gun.
8. T or F Takashina was taken prisoner after WWII ended.

3. Look at each of the doors. Explain why you think there are two entrances / exits to the bunker.
4. Why do you think a communication center is important during wartime?

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### Teacher Guide

ATTENTION TEACHER: Prior to visiting Fonte Plateau site with your students, please contact the Education Program Coordinator at [guamed@pacifichistoricparks.org](mailto:guamed@pacifichistoricparks.org) to request the use of this site.

1. Stand on the grassy mound in front of the two entrances. Explain why this was an ideal location to construct the bunker (think about the direction bunker is facing, altitude of bunker, how visible it is from afar).

Answers may vary but should include that Fonte Plateau bunker was built high in the mountains and away from the invasion beaches that occurred at sea level. It also faced away from Asan Beach so it was not easily accessible to the American soldiers (they would have had to climb the mountain and then cross over). The bunker is also built into the mountain so it is hard to find because it is well camouflaged under the foliage. It was protected by being on the reverse slope from naval gunfire.

2. Walk inside the bunker. Take note of how much light is inside and how much space there is. What do you think it must have been like for the Japanese soldiers to stay inside here?

Answers may vary but it was better here than outside.

3. Look at each of the doors. Explain why you think there are two entrances / exits to the bunker.

Answers may vary. Accept any answers that seem possible, such as cooling airflow or a place to escape to.

4. Why do you think a communication center is important during wartime?

Answers may vary but it should include that communication is very important in order to succeed in any battle. Communications people can monitor and listen, respond to inquiries, give directions, and determine the best course of action. A communication center can serve as a source of leadership if individuals are geographically spread out and provide guidance to ensure that order is maintained.

Use a mobile device! Circle if the statement below is true or false:

5. After World War II, the area was transformed into a headquarters for Admiral Chester Nimitz. **True**

6. The leader of this site during the war was Lieutenant General Takashina Takashi. **True**

7. The small raised platform inside held a very large gun. **False**

8. Takashina was taken prisoner after WWII ended. **False**

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