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## World War II: War in Europe

World War II was the most destructive war in history. It killed more people and destroyed more property than any other war. While the war was fought in nearly every part of the world, more people were killed in Europe than anywhere else. Millions upon millions of European soldiers and citizens were killed during the war. Millions more were displaced from their homes. Let's learn about World War II in Europe to understand why it was so devastating.



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### Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about World War II, you can start by searching the key words "World War II."

Write the answers on the lines provided or below the question.

1. World War II began on \_\_\_\_\_ when Nazi Germany invaded \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In 1940, about 338,000 Allied troops evacuated from the seaport of \_\_\_\_\_ to England.
3. What happened on June 22, 1941?
4. Troops who rallied around \_\_\_\_\_ became know as the Free French.
5. Germany attacked which three countries on May 10, 1940?
6. What Russian city suffered greatly while it was besieged from September 1941 through January 1944?

7. Who was supreme commander of the Allied Forces and directed the D-Day invasion?

8. In 1944, Germany used the first guided missiles against the United Kingdom.

These were the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ missiles.

9. What did Adolf Hitler do on April 30, 1945?

## True or False

Write “True” if the statement about World War II is correct. If the statement is not correct, write “False” and correct the statement in the space below.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. German U-boats sank thousands of tons of Allied shipping in the Atlantic Ocean.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. In 1939, Germany invaded Finland and began what became known as the Winter War.

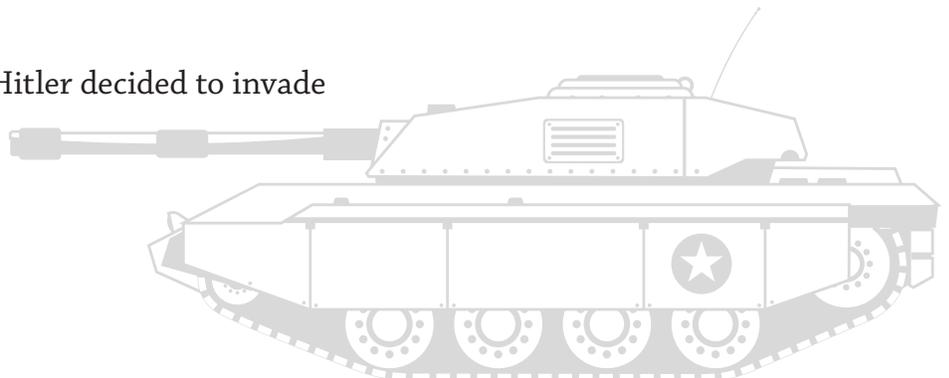
\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Adolf Hitler’s forces killed approximately 6 million European Jews in the Holocaust.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. On D-Day, the Allied invasion took place near Calais.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. *Operation Barbarossa* was the code name for the German invasion of France.

15. What did Franklin Roosevelt mean when he asked his fellow Americans to become “the arsenal of democracy”?

16. Name three reasons why Adolf Hitler decided to invade the Soviet Union.



17. How did Roosevelt and Churchill disagree regarding when to invade western Europe and whose view won?

18. What happened to Benito Mussolini in April 1945?

19. Name two ways that the Ultra secret helped the Allies defeat Germany.

## Name the Country

In the line provided, write which country is being referred to in the statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. The country where the battles of Kursk, Leningrad, and Stalingrad were fought.

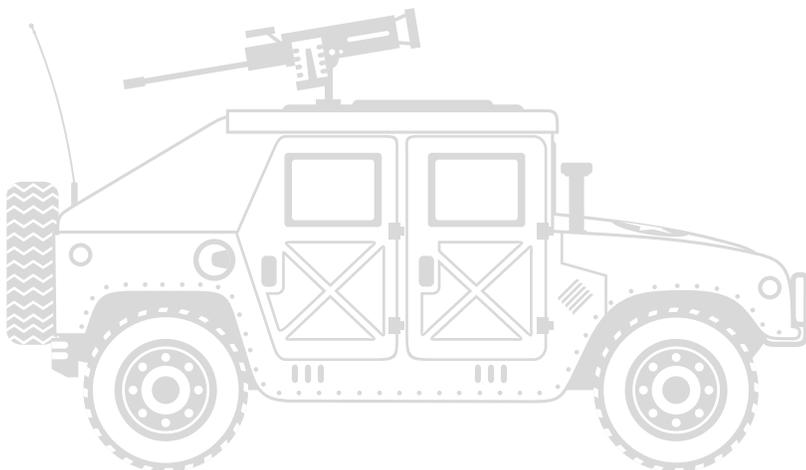
\_\_\_\_\_ 21. The country that surrendered to the Allies on September 3, 1943 - only a couple of months after it was invaded.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The country from which the Allies retreated from Dunkerque in 1940 and returned in 1944 at Normandy.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The country whose surrender on May 8, 1945, ended the war in Europe.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. The country whose Royal Air Force (RAF) helped prevent a German invasion in 1940.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The country invaded by Italian forces in 1940.



26. Who were the Tuskegee Airmen? (Hint: For this question see the “Tuskegee Airmen” article.)
27. What was the Dieppe Raid, and which country suffered the most fatalities in the raid?  
(Hint: For this question see the “Dieppe Raid” article.)
28. What six concentration camps served as Nazi death camps?  
(Hint: for this question see the “Concentration camp” article.)
29. Who was Rudolf Hess, and what did he do in May 1941? (Hint: For this question see the  
“Rudolf Hess” article.)
30. What was the Katyn Massacre and who committed this act? (Hint: For this question see  
the “Katyn Massacre” article.)
31. Who was Raoul Wallenberg, and what did he do during World War II?  
(Hint: For this question see the “Raoul Wallenberg” article.)

## Map It!

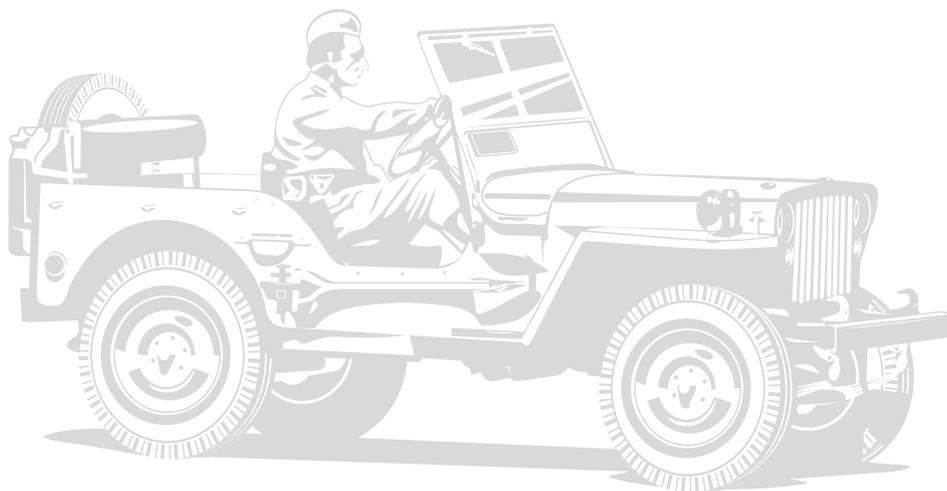
Within the “World War II” article, you will find the map “World War II in Europe: 1943-1945.” Study the map and answer the following questions.

32. In July 1943, the Germans and Russians fought an important battle near which Soviet city?
33. The Allied supply route to the Soviet Union ended in which northern Soviet city?
34. Besides Spanish Morocco, which five countries on the map were neutral during World War II?

## Timeline

Imagine that you are a war correspondent who wrote about all of the following events. Put the events in the order in which you wrote about them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Allied forces invade Sicily
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allied troops invade Normandy on D-Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Battle of Britain begins
- \_\_\_\_\_ Battle of the Bulge begins
- \_\_\_\_\_ Battle of Stalingrad begins
- \_\_\_\_\_ British forces defeat Germany at El Alamein
- \_\_\_\_\_ British troops evacuate from Dunkerque
- \_\_\_\_\_ Germany invaded Poland
- \_\_\_\_\_ Germany invades the Soviet Union
- \_\_\_\_\_ Germany surrenders unconditionally
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin meet at the Yalta Conference



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