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Invasion of Western Europe and North Africa: Webquest

Follow the links, read, and answer the questions.

**Part I: Campaign in North Africa**

**Go to** [**http://legacy.history.co.uk/explore-history/ww2.html**](http://legacy.history.co.uk/explore-history/ww2.html)**, scroll down and click on “Battle of the Atlantic”.**

1. What was the Battle of the Atlantic? Was it one decisive battle?

2. What was the German strategy in the Atlantic after 1940?

3. How many Allied ships did they sink in 1941?

4. How did the tide turn in favor of the Allies during 1941 and then back to the Germans in 1942?

5. How was the Battle of the Atlantic finally resolved in 1943?

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “North Africa”.**

6. How did German Gen. Rommel adapt his forces to the desert conditions in North Africa?

7. What happened at the Battle of El Alamein?

8. What was the result of Operation Torch?

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “Italy”.**

9. Why was the capture of Sicily important for the Allies?

10. Describe the circumstances under which Mussolini was overthrown.

11. What happened after the capital Rome was liberated by Allied troops?

12. What happened to Mussolini after he was captured?

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “Stalingrad”.**

13. Why did Hitler want to take over Stalingrad?

14. What new strategy did the Soviet Army employ?

15. How did this affect the German Army?

16. How did the German offensive in Stalingrad actually help the Soviets?

17. What was the average life expectancy of a Soviet soldier during the height of the battle?

18. How did Operation Uranus manage to find holes and weaknesses in the German defenses?

19. List the casualties suffered by each side.

20. Why is the Battle of Stalingrad often considered the turning point of WW2?

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “D-Day”.**

21. Why was Germany caught off-guard with the landing at Normandy?

22. What did the Allies initially do in an attempt to soften the German defenses?

23. Describe what happened at Omaha Beach.

24. How many troops and ships landed total in Normandy?

25. Was the landing at Normandy a success? How so?

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “The Bombing Offensive”.**

26. How did the nature of air warfare change throughout the course of the war?

27. Why were cities often intended targets?

28. Why were civilians explicitly targeted?

29. Despite the fact that virtually every important German industrial town had been destroyed, the bombing continued. Why?

30. In the end, was the bombing campaign effective? Give pros and cons.

**Go back to the Main Menu and click on “Disintegration”.**

31. Why did Germany launch the Ardennes Offensive? What was the outcome?

32. Describe the gruesome details of the final battle for Berlin?

33. What did Hitler do after Berlin had been captured by the Allies?