Onset of World War II

People and Cultures

1. Turn to pages 84–85 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at photo C. Use the information to answer the following questions.

   a. Who was the leader of Italy during the Second World War? ____________________
   b. Who was the leader of Germany? ____________________
   c. What country was an ally of Germany and Italy? ____________________
   d. What were these three nations called? ____________________
   e. What were their enemies called? ____________________
   f. The invasion of what country triggered World War II? ____________________
   g. At first, which side did the United States fight for? ____________________

Location

2. Look at map A, “German Aggression,” map B, “Italian Aggression,” and map D, “Japanese Aggression.” Write I if the country or region was taken over by Italy, G if it was taken over by Germany, and J if it was taken over by Japan.

   Country or Region          | Aggressor
   ---------------------------|-----------
   a. Saar                    | ________
   b. Manchuria               | ________
   c. Ethiopia                | ________
   d. Memel                   | ________
   e. Canton                  | ________

Time and Change

3. Look again at maps A, B, and D. Number the places in the order they were conquered.

   a. Austria                 | ________
   b. Ethiopia                | ________
   c. Manchuria               | ________
   d. Peking and Nanking      | ________
   e. Czechoslovakia          | ________
**Links Far and Near**

4. Read the overview again. Also look at map E, “The Axis Attacks.” Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

   Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany in _____________. He swore to avenge Germany’s humiliations after _________________. In 1935 he gained control of a small area called the _____________. In 1936 he placed troops in the _________________. Germany took control of Austria and an area of Czechoslovakia called the _________________. France and the United Kingdom grew concerned about Hitler’s aggression and declared war in _____________. After Germany invaded Poland, Hitler defeated France in _____________. The next year he attacked the _________________.

**History Through Maps**

5. Look again at map E. Circle the battles below that were Axis victories.

   a. Moscow  
   b. Paris  
   c. Leningrad  
   d. Dunkirk  
   e. El Alamein  
   f. Britain

**Places, Regions, and Landscapes**

6. Look at map E. List 17 European countries that were occupied by the Axis after Poland was invaded.

   a. ________________  
   b. ________________  
   c. ________________  
   d. ________________  
   e. ________________  
   f. ________________  
   g. ________________  
   h. ________________  
   i. ________________  
   j. ________________  
   k. ________________  
   l. ________________  
   m. ________________  
   n. ________________  
   o. ________________  
   p. ________________  
   q. ________________