

Fighting the War in Europe

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 88–89 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at map B, “Victory in Europe.” Write **AL** if it was an Allied victory, **AX** if it was an Axis victory, and **N** if there was no clear victor.

Battle	Victor
a. D-Day	_____
b. Battle of Stalingrad	_____
c. Battle of Warsaw	_____
d. Battle of Berlin	_____
e. Battle of the Bulge	_____

Time and Change

2. Look again at map B. Number the following events in the Allied advance in Africa and Italy in the order they occurred.

a. Sicily	_____
b. Kasserine Pass	_____
c. El Alamein	_____
d. Salerno, Italy surrenders	_____
e. Anzio	_____

Links Far and Near

3. Look at map C, “D-Day,” and map D, “Beaches of Normandy.” Match the British port to the Normandy beach where the same troops landed.

British Port	Normandy Beach
a. Plymouth •	• Sword
b. Newhaven •	• Juno
c. Southampton •	• Gold
d. Portland •	• Omaha
e. Portsmouth •	• Utah

📍 Location

4. Look again at map D. Circle the beaches on which U.S. troops landed.
- a. Gold
 - b. Sword
 - c. Utah
 - d. Omaha
 - e. Juno

📍 History Through Maps

5. Look at maps C and D and photo E. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
- a. D-Day, on the date _____, was the largest _____ invasion in history.
 - b. The Allies shipped _____ soldiers from the United Kingdom to France.
 - c. They faced a series of fortifications called the German _____.
 - d. To support the landings, the Allies landed _____ behind the German defenses.
 - e. The Germans had expected the Allies to cross the _____ and were surprised by the landings at Normandy.
 - f. The Allied soldiers faced German artillery and machine guns, especially at _____ Beach.

📍 Thinking About History

6. Look at map B and picture A. Also look at graph F, “Lives Lost to Total War.” Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
- a. _____ World War I was deadlier than World War II.
 - b. _____ Civilians made up about two-thirds of all people killed in World War II.
 - c. _____ The Axis were the only side that killed civilians.
 - d. _____ Allied air attacks damaged German factories.
 - e. _____ The Soviet Union pushed back the Axis after Stalingrad.
 - f. _____ Nazi concentration camps killed more than 13 million people.