

Who Did it Better?

Directions: As you make your way around the Military Gallery, you'll learn about different military strategies of the Allied and Axis Powers. Circle which side you think was more successful and explain why. Then use the information panels in the Military Gallery to describe the outcome of each battle.

The Battle of Britain:

<u>Allied Powers</u>	<u>Axis Powers</u>
As the remainder of western Europe began surrendering to German troops, Britain stood alone in attempting to defend its border. The British Channel was the only thing that stood between German and British troops.	The German Air Force had control over the skies including over Britain. Throughout the summer of 1940 German bombers began to attack British airfields and shipping including under the cover of nightfall.

Who Did it Better? Allies or Axis (circle one)

Explain why:

Battle Outcome:

Operation Barbarossa

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The Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin had signed a non-aggression treaty with Hitler in the hopes of avoiding any direct conflict with the Russians. Hitler could then focus on conquering the remainder of Europe.	By 1941 Germany controlled most of Europe, even though they had failed to defeat Great Britain. In 1939, Hitler had signed a non-aggression pact with Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin. By 1941 Hitler had begun to perceive Russia as weak and easy to invade and German Troops began to invade the Soviet Union.

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Explain why:

Battle Outcome:

Attacks on Pearl Harbor:

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Due to the Japanese aggression President Roosevelt imposed an oil embargo on Japan. Roosevelt believed that increasing pressure on the Japanese would force them to back down on their advances in the Pacific. The United States continued to strengthen their bases in the Philippine Islands and at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.	The Japanese decided that in order to make a statement against the Americans, they needed to implement a decisive blow. They began to prepare for an attack on American, British, and Dutch holdings in Asia and the Pacific.

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Battle Outcome:

Operation Overlord (D-Day):

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The Allies created a fictitious army opposite Pas De Calais, sent false radio messages, and bombed diversionary targets even though they intended to invade Normandy. The invasion began on June 6 th . 6 paratroopers and glider forces landed in Normandy, the French Resistance groups destroyed key bridges and railroads, and at midnight a massive aerial and naval bombardment pounded German defenses near the landing beaches.	The German strengthened the Atlantic wall in Normandy with more machine gun bunkers; millions of beach front landmines, and flooded the marshes found inland to trap any Allied paratroopers that might try and land there. Hitler made the decision to move the elite Panzer tank division closer to Paris and spread the division along the southern French coastline away from Normandy.

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The Battle of the Bulge:

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The British and American troops had pushed German armies back to their western frontiers. After their victory they rested and prepared for the spring offenses which were likely to come in order to continue pushing the Germans back. The Allies did not believe the Germans had the power or resources to launch an attack against their troops.	German troops had planned to advance through Belgium and drive a physical wedge between the Allies. The German attack began on December 16 th .

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Battle Outcome:

Ending the War Against Japan:

<u>Allied Powers</u>	<u>Axis Powers</u>
By 1945, the Allies were within 350 miles of Japan. The American Navy had also taken control of the seas and began bombing Japanese cities in an effort to force Japan's surrender.	As Japan began to be attacked by the Allied troops, Japan responded with hundreds of kamikaze suicide aircraft attacking the Allied fleet.

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Battle Outcome: