

Significant Battles in the Second World War - Jigsaw #1

The Miracle of Dunkirk 1940 p. 133

1. Why was the evacuation of Allied troops at Dunkirk called a “miracle”?

The Battle of Britain 1940 p. 134

1. What was the code name for Hitler’s invasion of Britain?
2. Why did Hitler launch an aerial attack on Britain?
3. How did Canada contribute to the Battle of Britain?
4. Identify 4 major targets in the initial bombing of Britain.
5. Describe what it was like for civilians during “the Blitz”?
6. Identify 2 reasons why Germany was unsuccessful in this battle.

Significant Battles in the Second World War - Jigsaw #2

Hong Kong 1941 p. 137

1. Many believed Hong Kong could not be defended against a Japanese attack. So why were Allied troops sent to defend this British colony?
2. Describe the courage Canadian troops displayed in Hong Kong that increased support for the war effort at home?
3. What was the outcome of this battle?
4. What does POW stand for? Describe the conditions our soldiers faced.

Pearl Harbour 1941 p. 136

1. Why did Japan attack the Allies in the Pacific Ocean?
2. What damage did Japan inflict on the Americans at Pearl Harbour?
3. How did America react to the attacks on Pearl Harbour and the Philippines?

Significant Battles in the Second World War - Jigsaw #3

Dieppe 1942 p. 142-143

1. Identify three reasons why the Allies mounted a raid on Dieppe in 1942.
2. Describe the plan of attack. What role did Canadian soldiers have?
3. Identify all of the mistakes that made victory impossible.
4. What was the outcome of this battle?
5. Describe the controversy with which this battle is remembered.

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Operation Barbarossa 1942 p. 135

1. Germany and the USSR had signed a non-aggression pact in 1939. Why did Hitler invade the USSR?

2. Why did the Germans attack Stalingrad in 1942?

3. What ultimately defeated Hitler and the German army in the USSR (a lesson he should have learned from Napoleon)?

5. How did this battle help the Allies?

Conquest of Italy: Sicily and Ortona 1943 p. 144

1. Why did the Allies turn their attention to Sicily and Italy? Why was an invasion possible at this location?

2. What role did Canada play in these battles?

3. What conditions made fighting in these locations so difficult?

4. What were the outcomes of these battles?

Significant Battles in the Second World War - Jigsaw #5

Battle of the Atlantic p. 138

1. Why was the Atlantic Ocean so crucial to the Allied war effort?
2. Using words and a diagram, explain how the convoy system works.
3. Why were the Allies losing this battle in the initial stages of the war?
4. Why did the Allies start winning the war from 1942 onwards?
5. What were the positive and negative attributes of the Canadian made **corvettes**?
6. How did the Battle of the Atlantic “come home” to Canada?

Significant Battles in the Second World War - Jigsaw #6

War in the Air p. 139

1. What role did the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) play in the Battle of the Atlantic?
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2. Identify the theatres of war our RCAF fought in.

3. Why are the Allied night bombings over Germany controversial?

4. Identify 3 reasons why these raids were carried out.

5. What was the casualty rate for pilots in WWII?