

Guided Reading Activity

America and World War II, 1941-1945

Lesson 3 *The War in Europe*

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: U.S. forces fought the Germans at sea and in North Africa, while the Soviets fought them at Stalingrad.

- Detail:** Roosevelt decided to invade Morocco and Algeria because _____ and also _____. Generals _____ and _____ pushed German troops back in North Africa.
- Detail:** In the Atlantic, the Germans targeted _____ in coastal waters. The navy set up a _____ that greatly improved safety.
- Detail:** Hitler targeted the city of _____ in Russia to cut off the Soviet's from badly needed _____. The battle, which the _____ won, was a major turning point in the war.

B. Main Idea: After the Allied invasion of North Africa, the Allies made plans to strike Germany and Italy.

- Detail:** The Allied bombing campaign in Germany accomplished two things: it caused a severe _____ and wrecked the _____, and it destroyed many _____.
- Detail:** General _____ commanded the invasion of Sicily with _____ and British General _____ heading the ground forces.
- Detail:** The attack on Sicily caused Italy to _____. In Italy, the Germans seized control of the fortified town of _____ while the Allies landed at _____. Fighting in Italy lasted _____.
- Detail:** At the Tehran Conference, Roosevelt and Stalin agreed to _____ after the war to prevent it from threatening world peace. Stalin also agreed to an _____ after the war.

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C. Main Idea: The invasion of France began as Allies landed a massive force on June 6, 1944, known as D-Day.

- 1. Detail:** President Roosevelt chose _____ to be the commander for Operation Overlord, as the invasion was called.
- 2. Detail:** The invasion took place along the _____ coast. The Americans came under intense fire at _____ Beach. By late afternoon the commander General _____ knew the invasion had succeeded.

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, and France eventually stop the Germans?
