


1  **AMERICANS IN
WORLD WAR II**

"Early Difficulties"

2  **Objective 1:**

What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Allied Powers and Axis Powers in 1941?

3  **Allied Powers Advantages**

- Production capacity of U.S. and manpower of Soviet Union were advantages.

4  **Allied Powers Disadvantages**

- Disadvantages included the enormous amount of land in enemy hands, the multi-front aspect of the war, and the long fight that had to be faced.

5  **Axis Powers Advantages**

- Axis was better prepared economically and had been rearmed since the 1930s.
- Axis had firm control over invaded areas and already had airfields, barracks, and military training centers.

6  **Axis Powers Disadvantages**

- Axis powers' main difficulty was defending multiple fronts.
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- Were resource deficient for long term war

7  **Objective 2:**

What steps did the United States take to prepare for war?

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- increased production
- expanded the government
- began to direct the economy
- began to raise the army

9  **Objective 3:**

Where did the Japanese military attack after Pearl Harbor?

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- The Philippines
- Singapore
- The Dutch East Indies
- Wake Island
- Hong Kong
- Burma

11  **Objective 4:**

What were the early turning points of the war in the Pacific?

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- Battle of the Coral Sea (May 4 to May 8, 1942)
- Prevented Japanese from disrupting US supply line to Australia
- 1st naval battle in world history fought entirely by air

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Battle of Midway (June 4 to June 7, 1942)

- Turning point at sea. 4 of 6 Japanese aircraft carriers that attacked Pearl harbor are sunk

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Guadalcanal (August 7, 1942 - February 9, 1943)

- Turning point on land
- Start of "island-hopping" campaign

15  **Objective 5:**

What were the major battles in Europe and North Africa in 1942?

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2nd Battle of El Alamein in North Africa (October 23 to November 4, 1942) British defeat
Germans & Italians

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Battle of Stalingrad in Soviet Union (August 21, 1942 to February 2, 1943) Soviets defeat
Germans

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The End

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