1 AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II

Victory in Europe

Objective 1:

Where did the Allied offensive in Europe begin?

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•The Allied offensive in Europe began in Sicily and Italy.

4 Objective 2:

How did fighting in the Atlantic and in the air influence the land war in Europe?

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- Sea dominance allowed the Allies to protect cargo ships and bomb Axis vessels.
- Strategic bombing from the air helped destroy German military factories and centers.

6 Objective 3:

How did the Allies successfully carry out the Normandy invasion?

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- invasion of German-occupied France (June 6 1944)
- disinformation campaign to distract Germans

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- dummy invasion used as a decoy
- initial storming of beach caused high casualties
- ultimately successful

9 Objective 4:

What was the Holocaust?

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The Holocaust was Nazi Germany's slaughter of European Jews. The Germans took advantage of long-standing anti-Semitism and Allied inaction to do it.

11 Objective 5:

How did the Allies finally defeat Germany?

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- September, 1944: Battle of the Bulge
- February, 1945: Yalta Conference
- early 1945: Allies bomb Germany

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- March, 1945: Allies invade Germany
- April, 1945: Hitler commits suicide
- May, 1945: Germany surrenders

14 The End

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