

Decisive Battles of World War II

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Summary

This book is about the most significant battles of World War II.

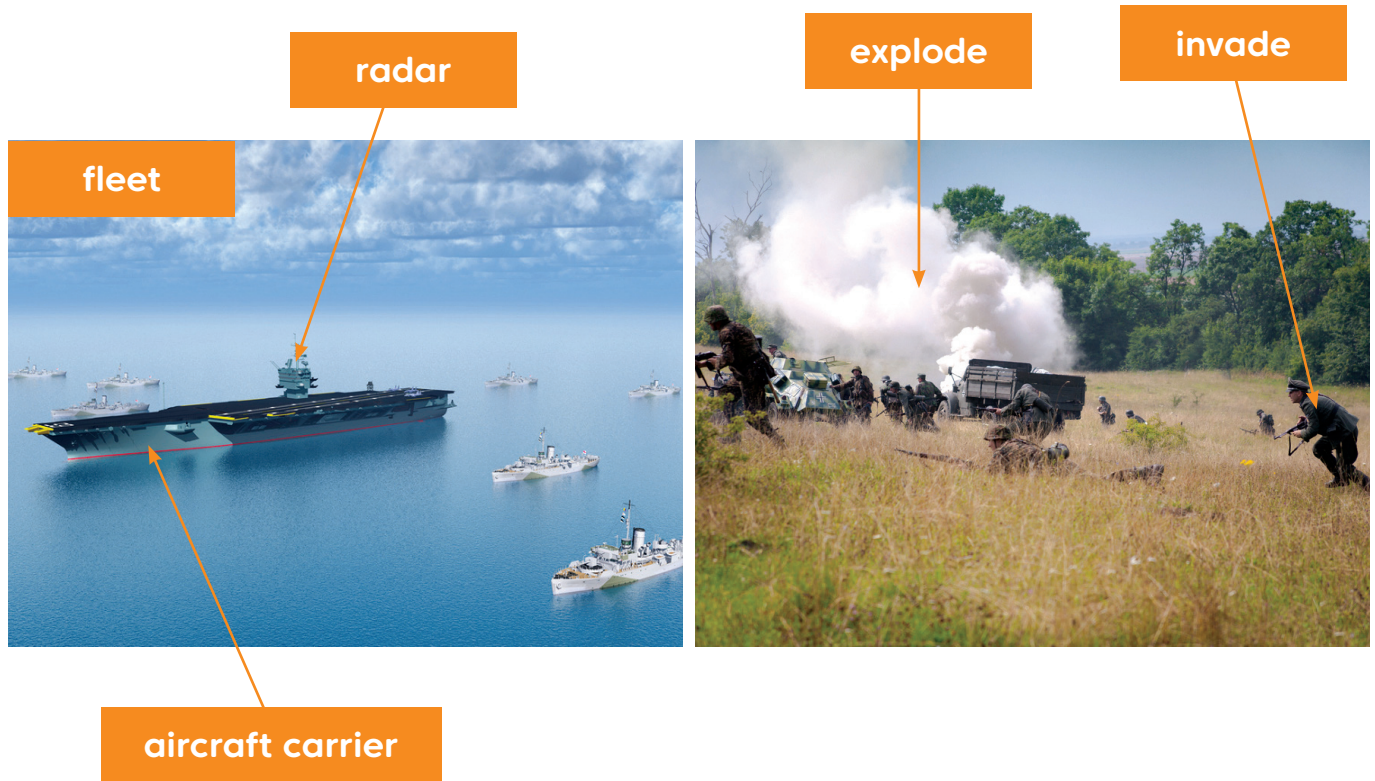
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

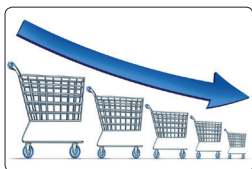


1. What type of ship carries airplanes, jets, and helicopters? _____
2. What do you call a large number of ships traveling together? _____
3. What are the soldiers on the right doing? _____
4. What do bombs do? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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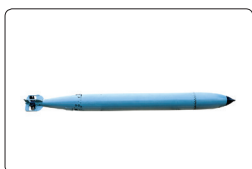
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• a. be in ruins

• b. torpedo

• c. bullet

• d. disapprove

• e. radar

• f. massive

• g. civilian

• h. shrink

B Write the word for each definition.

starve

surrender

decisive

invade

dominate

1. _____ to enter a country by force for the purpose of taking control
2. _____ showing a clear result
3. _____ to become weak or die because there is not enough food
4. _____ to stop fighting and admit defeat
5. _____ to be the largest, most important, or most noticeable part of something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. After the Battle of Midway, US fleets controlled the seas in the Pacific Ocean.
a. invaded b. fed on c. exploded d. dominated
2. The British Empire began to get smaller after WWI.
a. rumble b. shrink c. starve d. grow
3. WWII was fought on numerous continents.
a. multiple b. decisive c. civilian d. massive
4. The British had a system with radio waves, which was new technology, that allowed them to find German planes in the sky from far away.
a. duel b. in ruins c. radar d. allies

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Spitfires were fast airplanes that turned easily.
- b. German bomber planes flew over London and dropped bombs on the city.
- c. Auschwitz was a Nazi concentration camp where many Jewish people were forced to stay.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. Which country was not mentioned as being involved in WWII?
 - a. Poland
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Ireland
 - d. Russia
2. What is TRUE about the British planes?
 - a. The Spitfire was not a popular plane.
 - b. The Hurricane was an older model plane.
 - c. The hurricane was difficult for pilots to fix.
 - d. The British had many Bf-109 planes.
3. Where did the Japanese plan to attack the American fleet after Pearl Harbor?
 - a. Midway Atoll
 - b. Paris
 - c. Normandy
 - d. Stalingrad

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A bomb exploding in London
- b. A German plane used during the war
- c. A weapon that was used by submarines
- d. A French town in ruins in 1944
- e. One of the D-Day beaches in France



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ The Germans had a special radar system which helped them to find British planes.
2. _____ General Zhukov was able to trap many German soldiers in a Russian city.
3. _____ The Nazis believed that Jewish people were better than them.
4. _____ One reason why the Japanese lost the war was that their fleet had split into many parts.
5. _____ In May of 1944, the Germans surrendered to the Allies.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. The Americans knew where to attack the Japanese _____ because they could hear the Japanese messages.
fleet allies
2. _____ was a new radio technology used by the Allies during WWII.
Torpedo Radar
3. After the US bombed Hiroshima, much of the city was _____.
in ruins shrinking
4. In Stalingrad, many German soldiers _____ in the freezing cold city.
starved dominated
5. In 1937, Japan went to war with China, but the US _____.
rumbled disapproved

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Japanese planes attacked the American fleet at Pearl Harbor.
- b. _____ The Japanese and the Chinese went to war.
- c. _____ The Allies closed in on Berlin, and the Germans surrendered.
- d. _____ The National Socialists became the most powerful party in Germany.
- e. _____ The Germans used planes to take control of France and to attack Britain with bombers.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
Britain and France went to war with Germany because Germany attacked _____.	The killing of about 6 million Jewish people by the Nazis was called the _____.	On _____, allied soldiers were able to land in France and attack the Germans.	The Japanese attacked the American fleet at _____.	The Japanese _____ to the Americans because of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.