

# Decisive Battles of World War II

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## Summary

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

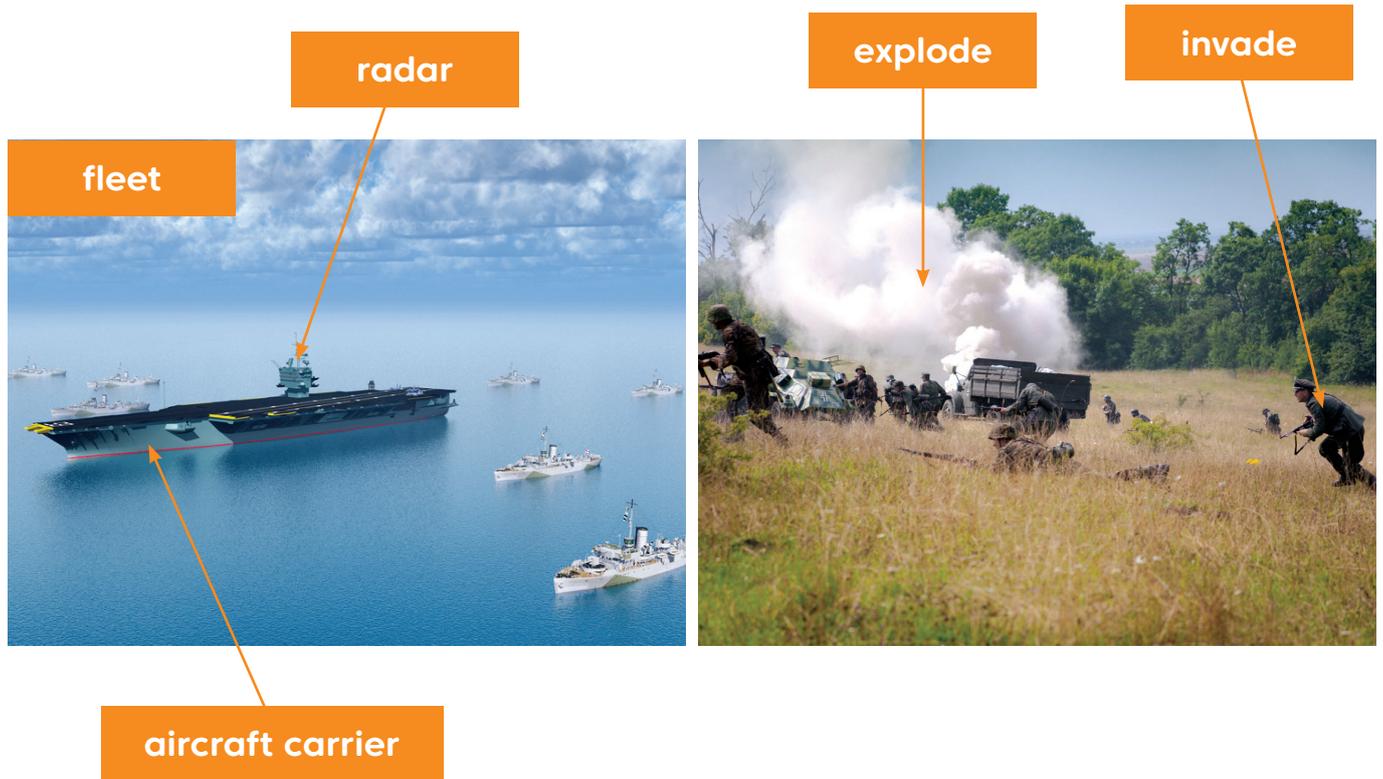
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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

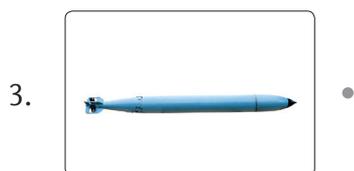
Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



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.



• 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_