

Decisive Battles of World War II

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Summary

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

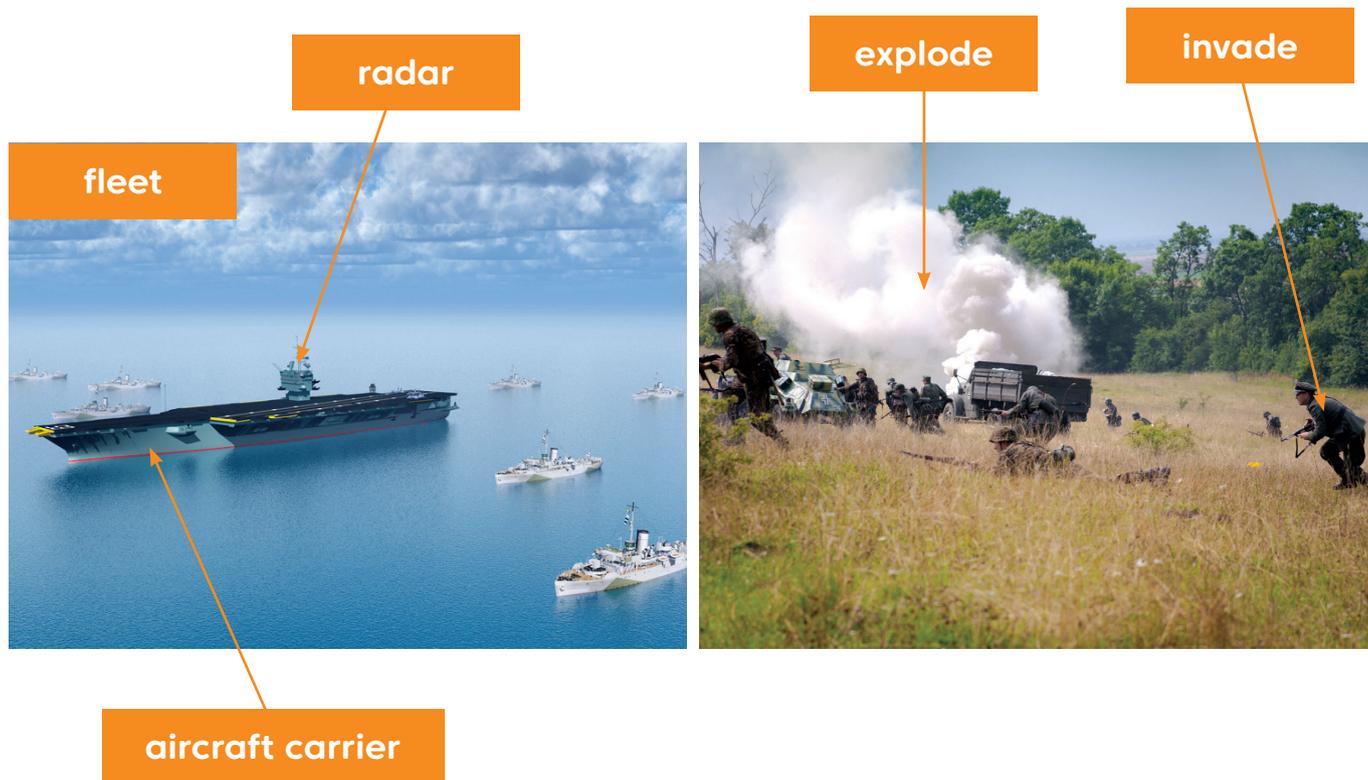
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

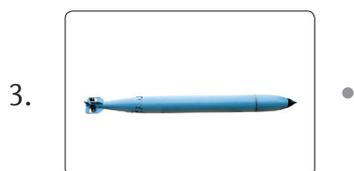
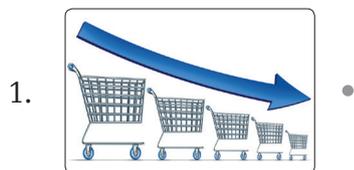
Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



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 _____
