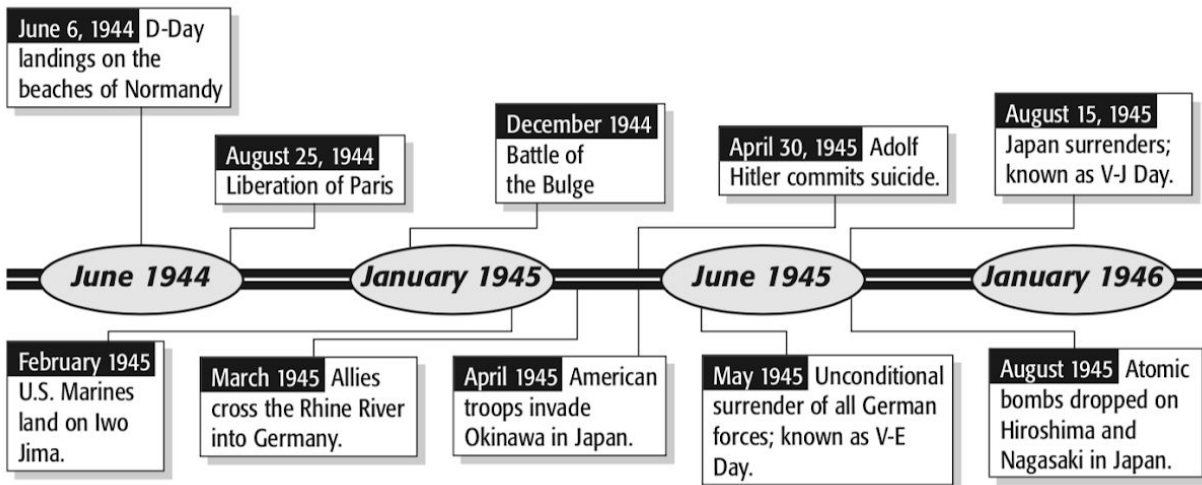


GETTING TO KNOW WWII

The Road to Victory

DIRECTIONS: Use the information on the time line to fill in the blanks below.

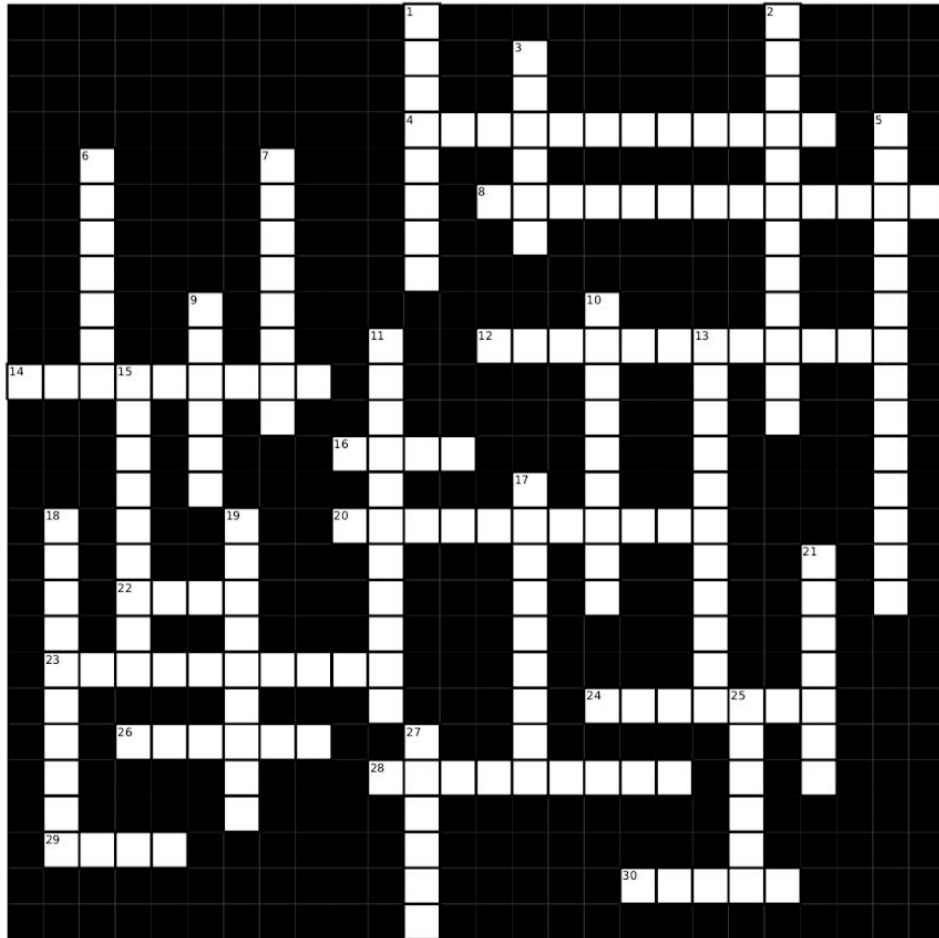


On **(1)** _____, a day known as **(2)** _____, the Allied invasion of France began with landings on the beaches of Normandy. On **(3)** _____, the Allies liberated Paris from Nazi control. Another famous battle, the **(4)** _____, took place just a few months later, in December 1944, when German troops pushed west against the Allied forces, causing the German's lines to bulge outward.

In March 1945, the Allies discovered a bridge across the Rhine River that was still intact. They crossed the bridge, pushing German forces back toward Berlin. On April 30, 1945, the Nazi leader **(5)** _____, sensing imminent defeat, committed suicide. A week later, in May 1945, **(6)** _____ forces surrendered to the Allies. May 8, 1945, became known as **(7)** _____, or Victory in Europe Day.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific, U.S. Marines landed on the island of **(8)** _____ in February 1945. And in **(9)** _____, American troops invaded Okinawa. Three months later, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of **(10)** _____ and **(11)** _____. On August 15, 1945, the Japanese **(12)** _____. World War II was over.

Causes of WWII



Across

- 4 American policy after WWI
- 8 To keep free of military personnel or weapons
- 12 Disputes between countries were to be settled by _____ instead of force. The first step in the League of Nations
- 14 Treaty that ended WWI
- 16 One of the groups Hitler blamed for Germany's loss in WWI
- 20 Payment for damage, Germany had to \$17 billion after WWI
- 22 Political party that Adolph Hitler was a member of
- 23 Prime Minister of Great Britain who appeased Hitler
- 24 Country that Germany was not allowed to unite with following WWI
- 26 Country invaded by Germany on Sept. 1, 1939 the start of WWII
- 28 Type of naval vessel that Germany was not allowed to have after WWI
- 29 Area of Germany that was occupied by the French after WWI
- 30 Country that quit the League of Nations

Down

- 1 Someone who is against war or fighting for any reason
- 2 To draft or mandatory military service
- 3 Leader of Germany who led them into WWII
- 5 Country which owned the Sudetenland
- 6 League of _____ formed at the end of WWI, was supposed to ensure peace
- 7 Number of points in Wilson's plan to end WWI
- 9 U.S. president who developed the idea of the League of Nations
- 10 Type of government in Russia following WWI
- 11 Region Hitler demanded be handed over to Germany
- 13 To satisfy or make calm by giving what is wanted
- 15 Country that was invaded by Italy in 1934
- 17 Area of China that was invaded by Japan in 1931
- 18 Position Hitler was elected to in 1933
- 19 Area of Germany that was demilitarized after WWI
- 21 Country that was forced to take the full blame for WWII
- 25 Country that Germany made a secret treaty with; agreed to divide up Poland
- 27 Name of the agreement which gave Germany the Sudetenland