Guided Reading Activity

America and World War II, 1941–1945

Lesson 3 The War in Europe

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: U.S. forces fought the Germans at sea and in North Africa, while the Soviets fought them at Stalingrad.

1. Detail: Roosevelt decided to invade Morocco and Algeria because ________________ and also ________________. Generals ________________ and ________________ pushed German troops back in North Africa.

2. Detail: In the Atlantic, the Germans targeted ________________ in coastal waters. The navy set up a ________________ that greatly improved safety.

3. Detail: Hitler targeted the city of ________________ in Russia to cut off the Soviet’s from badly needed ________________. The battle, which the ________________ won, was a major turning point in the war.

B. Main Idea: After the Allied invasion of North Africa, the Allies made plans to strike Germany and Italy.

1. Detail: The Allied bombing campaign in Germany accomplished two things: it caused a severe ________________ and wrecked the ________________, and it destroyed many ________________.

2. Detail: General ________________ commanded the invasion of Sicily with ________________ and British General ________________ heading the ground forces.

3. Detail: The attack on Sicily caused Italy to ________________. In Italy, the Germans seized control of the fortified town of ________________ while the Allies landed at ________________. Fighting in Italy lasted ________________.

4. Detail: At the Tehran Conference, Roosevelt and Stalin agreed to ________________ after the war to prevent it from threatening world peace. Stalin also agreed to an ________________ after the war.
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C. Main Idea: The invasion of France began as Allies landed a massive force on June 6, 1944, known as D-Day.

1. Detail: President Roosevelt chose _________________ to be the commander for Operation Overlord, as the invasion was called.

2. Detail: The invasion took place along the _________________ coast. The Americans came under intense fire at _________________ Beach. By late afternoon the commander General _________________ knew the invasion had succeeded.

Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, and France eventually stop the Germans?

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