

World War II Engulfs the World

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 114–115 in the Atlas. Read the introduction. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - a. World War II was fought between _____ and _____ powers.
 - b. By 1940 the Axis powers had control of most of their opponents in Western Europe except for the country of _____.
 - c. In 1941 the _____ and the _____ joined the Allies after they were each attacked by an Axis power.
 - d. The _____ won World War II.

► People, Regions, and Landscapes

2. Use chart A, "Axis vs. Allies," to classify the following major countries that fought in World War II as Axis or Allied powers. Next to each country, write **Axis** or **Allies**.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. _____ Germany b. _____ China c. _____ Soviet Union d. _____ Italy e. _____ United Kingdom 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. _____ Canada g. _____ Australia h. _____ Japan i. _____ United States
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► History Through Maps

3. Use map B, "World War II," to answer the following questions.
 - a. World War II began when what country invaded Poland? _____
 - b. Which Axis country attacked Pearl Harbor, causing the United States to enter the war? _____
 - c. From what directions did the Allied armies advance towards Germany?
_____, _____, and _____
 - d. Where did the United States drop two atomic bombs? _____
and _____
 - e. How long did World War II last? _____
 - f. Which Axis power surrendered first, Germany or Japan? _____

► **Time and Change**

4. Use map B, "World War II," to sequence the following events in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 6 next to the event that occurred last.

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| a. D-Day in France _____ | d. Japan surrenders. _____ |
| b. Battle of Stalingrad ends. _____ | e. Major battle in Egypt _____ |
| c. World War II begins. _____ | f. Japan attacks Pearl Harbor. _____ |

► **Thinking About History**

5. Look at graph C, "Lives Lost in World Wars," and read the history question, "What was the final 'solution'?" Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. In World War II, did more people in the military or more civilians die?

- b. How many Jews and Gypsies did the Nazis kill? _____
What was this genocide called? _____

► **People and Cultures**

6. Look at picture D and read its caption to answer the following questions.

- a. What British leader is shown in picture D? _____
- b. Who do you think he is talking to?

★ **Links Far and Near**

7. Use information from pages 110–111 and 114–115 to compare World War I and World War II. Next to each statement below, write a **I** if it describes World War I, a **II** if it describes World War II, or a **B** if it describes both wars.

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| a. It was the most devastating war in history. | _____ |
| b. People had hoped it would be "the war to end all wars." | _____ |
| c. The United States fought in this war. | _____ |
| d. Battles were fought in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. | _____ |
| e. Germany surrendered. | _____ |
| f. The atomic bomb was used. | _____ |