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# The European Theater

Use your **America: History of Our Nation** text book pages 811-812 and 821-822 to fill in the blanks below. When you are finished, you will have a summary of the end of the war in Europe and North Africa.

## I. The Soviets Resist

- a. Hitler had expected a quick takeover of the Soviet Union and was unprepared for the Russian winter.
- b. In December 1941, the Soviets were able to stop the Germans just a few miles from the Soviet city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The Germans attacked again in mid-1942 and a major battle took place in \_\_\_\_\_. From this point on, the \_\_\_\_\_ slowly pushed the \_\_\_\_\_ back.

## II. North Africa

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ was Germany's most respected general. He was able to win many quick victories in North Africa.
- b. In 1942, the British defeated Rommel's forces in the country of \_\_\_\_\_ and began driving the Germans westward.
- c. In November 1942, the first American troops landed in North Africa. They were under the command of \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. The Americans occupied \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Rommel was forced to surrender North Africa in \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Italy Surrenders

- a. In 1943, the Americans and British crossed the Mediterranean and took control of the island of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Mussolini was losing popularity, and the king of Italy dismissed him from office.
- c. On \_\_\_\_\_, the new government surrendered to the Allies.
- d. The Allies would still continue to fight the German troops in Italy.

#### IV. D-Day

- a. Took place on this day: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Allies were commanded by \_\_\_\_\_
- c. More than 155,000 American, British, and Canadian troops crossed the English Channel and landed on five beaches at Normandy, in western \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Americans met an particularly harsh German defense on \_\_\_\_\_ Beach.
- e. The Allies were successful, and they liberated Paris on \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Battle of the Bulge

- a. On December 16, 1944, the Germans counterattacked in \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Germans came close to breaking through the Allied lines, creating a " \_\_\_\_\_ " in the American lines.
- c. Even though both sides lost many men, the \_\_\_\_\_ were successful.

#### VI. Victory in Europe

- a. In January 1945, the \_\_\_\_\_ invaded Germany in the east. The Allies also soon entered in the west. Planes bombed Germany.
- b. On April 12, 1945, \_\_\_\_\_ died of a stroke. Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ took his place.
- c. In April, Soviet troops began an attack on \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Hitler committed suicide on \_\_\_\_\_
- e. German representatives surrendered unconditionally at Eisenhower's headquarters in France on \_\_\_\_\_
- f. This victory is known as \_\_\_\_\_