MAP - AXIS AGGRESSION IN EUROPE

Finish labeling and coloring the map to show the items listed below. The dotted lines will help guide you in showing the areas under Axis control.

Germany and Italy in 1937

Axis Controlled Areas in mid-1942

Allied Controlled Areas in mid-1942

Neutral Nations in mid-1942

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES:

English Channel  Atlantic Ocean  North Sea  Baltic Sea
Mediterranean Sea  Suez Canal  Black Sea  Caspian Sea

FAMOUS PLACES IN THE STRUGGLE TO FREE EUROPE

Dunkirk, where more than 300,000 British and French soldiers were saved from being captured as Germany attacked France in 1940. A large fleet of British ships and boats of all kinds crossed the English Channel to rescue them and carry them to safety in England. But most of the soldiers’ equipment had to be abandoned.

London, capital of Great Britain, which suffered months of deadly attacks from German airplanes after the fall of France in 1940. This air war was called the Battle of Britain.

Leningrad, Stalingrad, and Moscow, all cities in Russia. Heroic fighting by Russians and the bitterly cold winter of 1942-43 helped stop the advance of the German army. (Leningrad and Stalingrad now go by their former names, St. Petersburg and Volgograd.)

Casablanca and El Alamein, where the Americans and British began their attack on Hitler’s army in North Africa late in 1942. The Allies fought on to Tunisia, then up into Italy itself in 1943. The capital of Italy, Rome, was liberated by the Allies in 1944. By this time, many Italians were turning against their fascist dictator, Benito Mussolini.

Normandy Beaches, on the coast of France. This was the landing site for the Allied attack on Hitler’s European empire. The date was June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day. The Allies liberated France and its capital, Paris, then fought on into Germany. In April 1945 Berlin fell to the armies of Russia advancing from the east through Poland. Hitler shot himself in the last days of fighting. Nazi Germany surrendered unconditionally in May of 1945.

Use these terms to fill in the blanks: against, Britain, Channel, D-Day, shot, stop

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Axis Aggression in Europe

1937 - 1942

1937 national boundaries shown

0 600 miles

Key to Areas of Control

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Neutral Nations in 1942
Finish labeling and coloring the map to show the items listed below. The dotted lines will help guide you in showing some of the information.

Japan

Areas Under Japanese Control in mid-1942

Farthest Extent of Japanese Control in the Pacific

PACIFIC ISLANDS FAMOUS FOR THEIR PART IN AMERICA'S COUNTER-ATTACK

Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, hit by the Japanese in a surprise attack that brought America into World War Two in December 1941. Almost 2,400 people were killed. Once the base was fully restored, it became the launching point for the American counter-attack on the Japanese Empire.

Midway, an American island where a big Japanese attack was turned back and four Japanese aircraft carriers sunk in the Battle of Midway in 1942. This battle proved that airplanes were becoming the new weapons of naval warfare. There was no actual ship to ship contact in this key victory for the American navy.

Solomon Islands, where an American action on Guadalcanal late in 1942 won an important victory as the push toward Japan began.

Philippines, the islands America was driven from early in the war by the Japanese. Gen. Douglas MacArthur pledged, “I shall return,” and he did, in a massive assault late in 1944.

Marshall Islands, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, all Pacific islands through which the American forces “leapfrogged” closer to Japan during 1944 and 1945. Japan was given a warning to surrender. It did not, and American forces dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 to end the war.

OTHER PLACES INVOLVED IN THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

Aleutian Islands, American islands which stretch off the coast of Alaska. Several of these were occupied by Japan.

Pacific Ocean, the scene of many naval battles during the war involving surface ships, airplanes, and submarines.

Use these terms to fill in the blanks: aircraft, occupied, return, submarines, surprise, surrender, victory.