

American Pageant AP High School World History – Chapter 35 - America in World War II, 1941-1945

I. The Allies Trade Space for Time

1. ... When Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, millions of infuriated Americans ... instantly changed their views from isolationist to avenger.
2. However, America, led by the wise Franklin D. Roosevelt, resisted such pressures, instead taking a “get Germany first” approach to the war, for if Germany were to defeat Britain before the Allies could beat Japan, there would be no stopping Hitler and his men.
 - Meanwhile, just enough troops would be sent to fight Japan to keep it in check...

X. The Allied Halting of Hitler

1. The U.S. also at first had trouble against Germany, as its U-boats proved very effective, but the breaking of the Germans’ “enigma” code helped pinpoint those subs better.
 - It wasn’t until war’s end that the true threat of the German submarines was known, as ... (Hitler had) a new U-boat that could remain underwater indefinitely ... at 17 knots
2. In May 1942, the British... (began a) massive (air) raid on Cologne, France, and in August, the U.S. air corps joined them ---
3. Russians launched a new ... counteroffensive, regaining about 2/3 of the land they had lost ...

XII. D-Day: June 6, 1944

1. The Allies began plans for a gigantic cross-channel invasion ... (under) General Eisenhower.
 - Meanwhile, MacArthur received a fake army to use as a ruse to Germany.
2. The ... attack was French Normandy ... on June 6, 1944, **D-Day** began—the amphibious assault on Normandy. After heavy resistance, Allied troops, some led by **Gen. George S. Patton**, finally clawed their way onto land, across the landscape, and deeper into France.
 - With the help of the “French underground,” Paris was freed in August of 1944.

XV. The Last Days of Hitler

1. ... Hitler concentrated his forces and threw them in the Ardennes forest on December 16, 1944, starting the **Battle of the Bulge**. He nearly succeeded ... but the ten-day penetration was finally stopped by the 101st Airborne Division ... at ... Bastogne ... (under Gen) McAuliffe.
2. In March 1945, the Americans reached the Rhine River of Germany, and then pushed toward the river Elbe, and from there, joining Soviet troops, they marched toward Berlin.
3. Upon entering Germany, the Allies were horrified to find the concentration camps where millions of Jews and other “undesirables” had been slaughtered in attempted genocide.
 - Adolph Hitler ... committed suicide in his bunker April 30, 1945.
4. ... FDR had died from a massive cerebral hemorrhage on April 12, 1945.
2. May 7, 1945, was ... the official ... surrender ... next day was ... **V-E Day** (Victory in Europe Day).

XVI. Japan Dies Hard ...