

Voices of D-Day



Objective: To analyze the impact of D-Day as a turning point in World War II (SC Standard 7-5.5)

During World War II, Operation Overlord (commonly referred to as D-Day) was the Allied invasion of Western Europe. It was launched on June 6, 1944 (the most celebrated D-Day of the war), with the simultaneous landing of U.S., British, and Canadian forces on five separate beachheads in Normandy, France, the largest amphibious invasion in the history of war. By the end of August 1944 all of northern France was liberated, and the invading forces reorganized for the drive into Germany, where they would eventually meet with Soviet forces advancing from the east to bring an end to the Nazi Reich.

In this learning station, you will complete the following:

1. Listen to various first-hand accounts of D-Day at the following URL: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/dday_audio.shtml
2. Based on these accounts, with your group, write a factual news story about the events of the day (June 6, 1944). It should include the following: WHO was involved? WHAT happened? WHEN did this invasion take place? WHERE did the invasion occur? WHY was this area targeted for invasion? HOW was the invasion carried out? WHY was this invasion considered a turning point of the war?

