

Major battles of World War II

Intro: There were 2 major _____ that the Allied powers fought on during World War II- these are known as the _____ and _____ theaters of the War.

A. Major battles of European theater

1. _____ campaigns (1940-1943)- series of battles fought for control of North Africa and to keep control of the _____ from Germany. (This canal was the shortest sea route to Asia and the oil fields of the Middle East.)

a. The Allies took complete control of North Africa in 1943

b. They set up bases to attack southern _____.

2. Battle of _____ - (Sept. 1942-Feb. 1943)

a. Germany broke their pact and invaded the _____.

b. The Germans were eventually cut off from food and supplies and many _____ in the harsh winter or starved to death.

c. This is considered by many to be the _____ of World War II when the Nazis were stopped and pushed back towards Germany.

3. _____ - _____ (June 6, 1944)

a. The Allies invade France to seek to take control of _____ back from the Germans.

b. It was the largest _____ operation in history.

c. Many _____ were suffered but the operation was a success.