

War Across Oceans

Trace major World War II events in Europe and the Pacific.

SS5H4.b "Describe major events in the war in both Europe and the Pacific; include Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, D-Day, VE and VJ Days, and the Holocaust."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the six bold event names. Write numbers 1 through 6 beside them in date order, then circle the word Europe or Pacific that appears with each event.

Two Regions, Six Events

- ① World War II involved fighting in Europe and the Pacific. In Europe, the **Holocaust** entered its deadliest phase in June 1941. Nazi Germany and its helpers imprisoned and murdered six million Jewish people, along with millions of other victims. In the Pacific, Japan attacked the U.S. naval base at **Pearl Harbor**, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. The attack brought the United States into the war.
- ② In Europe, **D-Day** occurred on June 6, 1944. Allied soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy, France. The landing opened a western front against Germany. In the Pacific, the **Battle of Iwo Jima** began on February 19, 1945. U.S. Marines fought Japanese forces for the small island and captured it after hard fighting that lasted until March 26.
- ③ In Europe, Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945. People marked **VE Day**, or Victory in Europe Day, which ended fighting in Europe. In the Pacific, Japan announced its surrender on August 15, 1945. People marked **VJ Day**, or Victory over Japan Day. This ended the war in the Pacific.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What happened during the Holocaust, and in which region did it occur?

2 Describe what happened on D-Day and tell where it took place.

3 Which event came after D-Day but before VE Day? Give its region and one detail about it.

4 How were VE Day and VJ Day alike, and how were they different?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Complete the event tracker with the six bold events from the passage in date order. For each event, include its date, region, and a short phrase describing what happened.

EVENT	DATE	REGION	WHAT HAPPENED

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the six bold event names. Write numbers 1 through 6 beside them in date order, then circle the word Europe or Pacific that appears with each event. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened during the Holocaust, and in which region did it occur?	Nazi Germany and its helpers imprisoned and murdered six million Jewish people and millions of other victims. It occurred in Europe.
2	Describe what happened on D-Day and tell where it took place.	Allied soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy, France. D-Day took place in Europe.
3	Which event came after D-Day but before VE Day? Give its region and one detail about it.	The Battle of Iwo Jima came after D-Day and before VE Day. It was in the Pacific, where U.S. Marines fought Japanese forces and captured the island.
4	How were VE Day and VJ Day alike, and how were they different?	Both marked the end of fighting in a region. VE Day marked the end of fighting in Europe on May 8, 1945, while VJ Day marked the end of the war in the Pacific on August 15, 1945.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

EVENT	DATE	REGION	WHAT HAPPENED
Holocaust	June 1941	Europe	Nazi Germany and its helpers murdered Jewish people and other victims.
Pearl Harbor	December 7, 1941	Pacific	Japan attacked a U.S. naval base in Hawaii.
D-Day	June 6, 1944	Europe	Allied soldiers landed in Normandy, France.
Battle of Iwo Jima	February 19 to March 26, 1945	Pacific	U.S. Marines fought Japanese forces and captured the island.
VE Day	May 8, 1945	Europe	Germany surrendered, ending fighting in Europe.
VJ Day	August 15, 1945	Pacific	Japan announced its surrender, ending the war in the Pacific.

Accept equivalent descriptions that match the passage and correctly identify each event's region. For the Holocaust, students should use June 1941 as the date given in this passage for its deadliest phase.