**WWII – The War in Europe and North Africa.**

**Guided Reading Activity – Selected parts of Chapter 14 Sections 2, 4 and 5**

**DIRECTIONS: Fill in the Blanks** In the space provided; write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook and employ your ability to think to fill in the blanks.

***The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 2 on pages 497 – 499.***

**1.** Joseph Stalin wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to open a second front by attacking Germany from the west, to take the pressure off the Soviet Union.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**was very important to Britain because of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which was the route used by most of Britain’s empire to send supplies to Britain.

**3.** The German “Afrika Korps” was commanded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a brilliant commander whose success earned him the nickname \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**4.** Under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, American cargo ships traveled in groups and were escorted by navy warships, making it much harder for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to torpedo a cargo ship and escape without being attacked.

**5.** The major battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in southern Russia is considered a turning point in the war because the Russian victory there stopped the German advance.

***The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 4 on pages 508 – 512.***

**6.** The first large Allied invasion of the war was the attack on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**7.** Among the agreements reached at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the decision to step up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bombing of Germany.

**8.** Winston Churchill called Italy the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Europe and believed that Italians would quit the war if the Allies invaded their homeland.

**9.** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Italy was one of the bloodiest in the war, costing the Allies more than 300,000 casualties.

**10.** At the Tehran, Iran, meeting between Churchill and Roosevelt, Stalin promised to launch a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the Germans when the Allies invaded France in 1944.

**11.** Stalin also promised that once Germany was defeated, the Soviet Union would declare was on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**12.** Although the German defenses along the coast of France were formidable, the Allies did have one advantage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**13.** To convince the Germans that the Allies were planning to land at Pas-de-Calais, the Allies placed rubber tanks, empty tents, and other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along the British coast across from Calais.

**14.** Nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ships carrying more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers set sail for the coast of Normandy (France) on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**15.** Under intense German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fire, the American assault almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**16.** By the end of the day, nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American troops had landed at Omaha beach, and another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had landed at Utah beach. Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ British and Canadian troops were on shore as well.

**DIRECTIONS:** Analyze the map below, and then answer the following questions in the space provided.



**17.** From what body of water was the invasion launched? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**18.** When did the invasion take place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**19.** How many allied attacks are represented on the map? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What symbol is used to identify

them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**20.** What two armies launched the invasion of Normandy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**21.** How many front lines are represented on the map? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How are these identified? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***The following can be found in Chapter 14 Section 5 on pages 518 – 519.***

**22.** While American and British forces fought to liberate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

began a massive attack on German troops in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**23.** By the first week of March 1945, American troops had fought their way to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Germany’s last major line of defense in the west. As the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attacked Germany from the West, Russia attacked German from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**24.** Adolf Hitler \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his bunker as the Soviets entered Berlin.

**25.** On May 7, 1945, Germany finally surrendered to the Allies, and the next day was named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which stands for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.