

# Critical Thinking Skills

## World War II

Skills For Critical Thinking		Why Do We Remember WWII?	Background & Causes	Germany's Role in the War	Major Battles	New Weapons of War	The End of War
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall Details</li> <li>Match</li> <li>Sequence</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare &amp; Contrast</li> <li>Summarize</li> <li>State Main Idea</li> <li>Describe</li> <li>Interpret</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose Information</li> <li>Identify Outcomes</li> <li>Apply Concepts Learned</li> <li>Make Connections</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw Conclusions</li> <li>Identify Supporting Evidence</li> <li>Make Inferences</li> <li>Identify Cause &amp; Effect</li> <li>Identify Relationships</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prediction</li> <li>Design</li> <li>Create</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defend an Opinion</li> <li>Make Judgements</li> <li>Explain</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



# New Weapons of War



1. Below are two columns. Column A has the beginning of a sentence. Column B has the ending of a sentence. Using straight lines, match column A and column B to make ten true statements.

### Column A

### Column B

- 1 **Some of the weapons used in World War One were**
- 2 **Radios were installed**
- 3 **Great Britain believed that**
- 4 **Fighter aircraft were**
- 5 **Countries wanted**
- 6 **German U-Boats could**
- 7 **Turrets were used to**
- 8 **Victors were**
- 9 **As the war went on**
- 10 **Tanks became**

- A mount machine guns on tanks.
- B in German tanks.
- C the people who had won the war.
- D also used in World War Two.
- E small, fast and easy to move around.
- F superiority in the air.
- G more sophisticated in World War Two.
- H U-Boats were their greatest threat.
- I heavier tanks became more common.
- J attack from great distances.

SAMPLE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

After You Read 



# Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

E	S	D	A	S	G	R	T	Y	N	S	Z	S	P	M	A	D	T
S	B	U	E	V	N	L	U	E	T	S	E	J	N	I	T	I	P
R	U	E	R	B	I	N	O	A	R	C	Y	N	T	L	E	O	V
I	W	O	N	R	P	A	R	B	N	R	O	V	N	I	T	V	W
E	V	T	U	B	E	V	T	A	A	I	U	S	E	T	O	A	I
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P	U	M	T	M	O	T	V	X	D	S	R	E	D	R	O	B	
S	O	O	D	Y	I	T	E	R	E	C	K	V	X	Y	J		
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V	G	T	T	N	A	N	V	L	Y	T	V	B	T	K	D	T	
C	U	L	C	M	S	F	M	E	C	R	A	C	S	N	B	D	E
X	M	D	T	T	I	I	L	I	M	B	Z	O	A	G	J	F	V
E	S	G	F	U	K	R	I	C	T	A	P	J	F	I	B	N	T
Y	O	I	M	W	P	B	J	H	L	S	V	A	N	M	T	Z	B
I	W	T	I	R	Q	M	S	A	K	J	E	V	M	A	H	X	E
P	E	R	S	O	P	H	I	S	T	I	C	A	T	E	D	Y	N

- agreement
- borders
- globally
- netural
- starvation
- tenuous
- alliances
- casualties
- looting
- promote
- superiority
- turret
- aviator
- communication
- military
- scarce
- support
- ultimatum
- avoid
- estimated
- mounted
- sophisticated
- surrendered
- victors



NO. 15,286 ONE PENNY FOR KING AND EMPIRE

ITALY, AUSTRIA, the REDOUBT, BERLIN fall with 1,000,000 prisoners. Then—

# COLLAPSE: GOEBBELS IS DEAD — OFFICIAL

Committed suicide with Hitler: CAPTURED DEPUTY

HITLER and Goebbels committed suicide, Hans Fritzsche, director of Nazi radio propaganda, gave this dramatic news to the Russians, it was announced in Marshal Stalin's communique early today.

Fritzsche was taken prisoner with a number of other German military and political chiefs when Berlin was captured, said the communique.

Fritzsche was described as "first deputy of Goebbels for propaganda and press."

The communique went on: "Fritzsche, when interrogated, stated that Hitler, Goebbels and I had committed suicide together in the Reich Chancellery."

No further details of the suicides were contained in Stalin's communique, but it is presumed the Soviet authorities will do everything possible to find the bodies and obtain complete proof of Fritzsche's statement.

Last news of Goebbels — who was in charge of Berlin's defence — was on April 22, when he was stated to have declared: "I and my colleagues are of course remaining in Berlin. My wife and children are also here and will remain."

Hans Fritzsche, 45-year-old star broadcaster, had two children, a son and a daughter.

He was a member of the Reichstag and head of the radio department of the Reich Propaganda Ministry. Before that, he was chief of the Press Department of the Propaganda Ministry.

Least distinguished of the three reported suicides is that of Karl Doenitz, a 51-year-old Swedish German.

Krebs took a leading part in the Sudetenland rebellions which led to the Czechoslovak crisis.

Other important persons seeking escape. — Reuter

## Flash at 2 a.m. End near in Holland, Denmark, Norway

THE Wehrmacht has collapsed. Berlin has been captured. Hitler and Goebbels are now reported to have committed suicide in the dying capital. The German army has lost 1,000,000 men — in Northern Italy and Western Austria has surrendered unconditionally. The Southern Redoubt has been taken.

And, according to San Francisco reports, at any hour Holland, Denmark and Norway is expected to fall.

These are the highlights of the war news this morning.

Berlin's garrison was announced in an Order of the Day by Marshal Stalin to Marshals Zhukov and Koniev. The end came at the end of yesterday afternoon. By nine o'clock 70,000 German prisoners had been counted.

It was left to General Weibing, an obscure artillery commander, to give up the city after 11 days of fighting. Stalin's Order described Hitler's former capital as "the centre of German aggression and trade of German imperialism."

Surrender of the German armies in Italy and Western Austria was announced by Mr. Churchill to a cheering House of Commons. President Truman, giving the situation of the everywhere-defeated German armies.

In Northern Germany the whole pocket covering the North Sea ports and Denmark is swiftly collapsing. Germans running blindly from the Russians are being swamped. Denmark is cut off. British troops have started to march across its southern borders.

Another Baltic port — Wismar and swept beyond to Montgomery's British and American forces are storming forward on a 40-mile front to meet Rokossovsky's army. The Russians are less than 28 miles away after seizing Rostock on the Baltic, and a number of other towns to the south.

**CIVILIANS IN CHAOS**

Roads leading from the Lubbeck area towards Denmark are an inferno of destruction. British planes, swooping on the fleeing Germans, have smashed more than 1,000 lorries. For miles the highways are cluttered with burning German transport mingled with frantic civilian refugees.

An hour before announcing the fall of Rostock last night, the German High Command announced that the pocket south-east of Berlin has crumbled. The Russians captured more than 120,000 Germans.

In the doomed Southern Redoubt, Patton's tanks are closing on the ruins of Hitler's Berchtesgaden "fortress". Swarming into Austria, the other Third Army forces are 18 miles from Linz — about 70 miles from the Russians beyond Vienna.

News of the military position in Western Holland is obscure. But food is now pouring in to the hungry Dutch by land and air with full German agreement.

### Britain's 'Chief' in Reich 'MONTY'

By Daily Mail Reporter

THE appointment of the head of the British Control Commission for N.W. Germany is about to be announced.

Official circles in London last night it was thought that the appointment would go to Field-Marshal Montgomery.

Commander of the British and Canadian forces in France.



Hitler is Dead

Plenty of the good news still to come'

By WILSON BROADBENT Diplomatic Correspondent

IT is thought in London that it will be some days, in spite of yesterday's chaotic events in Germany, before there will be any political developments of first-class importance.

Hitler's death has added to the chaos which now governs Germany. For the time being, therefore, it is expected that Admiral Doenitz will endeavour to exercise some kind of authority in the hope that he can snatch something from the wreck.

It is a hopeless venture on his part, but he is described as a man of security to a former Nazi, and not necessarily a German.

The unconditional surrender of the German armies in Italy and Austria, which was presumably arranged before the death of Hitler, will be followed by other acts of surrender or mass desertion.

"This is not all the good news — we have plenty more to come," said a member of the Government after Mr Churchill had made his statement in the House of Commons last night.

Ultimately, it is thought that Admiral Doenitz will be permitted to remain in Germany, but he is expected to have a profound effect on Germans in all walks of life.

**Lost Magic**

The spell is broken. While Hitler lived, most Germans thought, or hoped, that by some magic stroke he might yet save them. But now that hope is gone, and Admiral Doenitz will have to face the hard fact, as Himmler did more than

Their Flavour of Good Beef which Improves Dishes so much