

Activity B: Ike and the Men of D-Day Key Terms

Directions: Study the key terms and their definitions. Then cut out both, mix them up in a pile and attempt to match the correct key term with its definition.

Supreme Allied Commander	The title held by the most senior commander of a joint force between the militaries of several nations.
Casualty	A soldier who was killed, wounded, captured, or missing in action.
Normandy	A region of northern France along the English Channel.
Landing Beaches (Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword, Gold)	Designated areas on the Normandy coastline where American, British, and Canadian soldiers arrived via landing crafts on the morning of June 6, 1944.
Artillery	Large-caliber weapons such as cannon and howitzers operated by crews.
Atlantic Wall	The term given to German defenses along the French coastline
Combat Engineer	A type of soldier who performs a variety of construction, demolition, and other engineering tasks in support of combat operations.
Staff Sergeant	A non-commissioned officer, typically placed in command of a squad of soldiers.
Paratroopers	A member of a military infantry unit trained to attack or land in combat areas by parachuting from airplanes.
H-Hour	The specific time the Allied invasion began on the morning of June 6.
Combat Engineers	Soldiers whose job it was to clear obstacles or build bridges to help move troops.
Infantry	Soldiers or military units that fight on foot, typically with rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, etc. as weapons.
Ammunition	The material fired, scattered, dropped, or detonated from any weapon, as bombs or rockets, and especially shot, shrapnel, bullets, or shells fired by guns.
Division	A unit within an army, composed of several regiments and several thousand soldiers.
Beach Obstacles	Barbed wire, mines, as well as metal and wooden stakes placed by the Germans to disrupt an Allied landing on the coast of France.
Hedgerows	A row of bushes or trees forming a hedge.
Landing Craft	Any of various flat-bottomed vessels designated to move troops and equipment close to shore.
D-Day	The day, usually unspecified, set for the beginning of a planned attack.
Operation Overlord	The code name for the Battle of Normandy, the Allied operation that launched the successful invasion of German-occupied Northern Europe during World War II.