**The Italian Campaign, D-Day and the Liberation of the Netherlands**

**Background**

German troops faced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Russia. They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to handle the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Russian weather. The German army \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1943. The Russian forces now turned their attention towards Germany. After failing in Russia, Hitler sent his forces to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The USA**

* The American’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quickly after Pearl Harbor.
* The American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ defeated the Japanese navy island by island moving closer to Japan.
* In 1942, British and American troops drove back the Italian and German forces in North Africa.
* The Canadian, British and American troops then moved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where the German troops had moved.

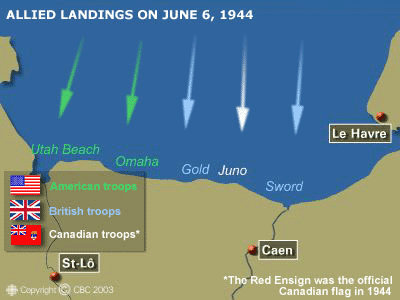
**The Liberation of Italy**

* The Italian campaign was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The German’s put up a wall of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Rome to Ortona.
* The American, British and Canadian forces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the German’s through Italy.
* They had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were often attacked by German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hidden in the mountains.
* It was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers were wounded or killed.

**The Invasion of Sicily**

* Canadian soldiers had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since the disastrous raid on Dieppe.
* In July 1943, Canadian’s were sent to Italy to aid in the invasion of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* This battle was fought in the hot Italian summer and lasted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dream of a new Roman Empire was shattered and his own people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and through him out of power in 1943.
* Hitler swiftly moved German troops into Italy; he would not let Italy’s surrender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Battle of Ortona**

* It was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takeover.
* Canadian’s became experts at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They developed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ technique.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Canadian soldiers lost their lives.
* On June 4, 1944, the Allied armies entered Rome to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Italian people.
* [](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7rb1iUJVRw&safe=active)These soldiers, in February 1945 were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to join the Canadian army fighting to free Holland from German control.

**D-Day: The Beginning of the End - The Plan**

* This happened on June 6, 1944
* The goal was to infiltrate **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and push the Germans back
* The official name was **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Attack**

* This was a combined **Allied** effort – US, British and Canadian
* This used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It began with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 2:30 a.m. and forces started invading the beaches at 6:30

**What did Canada do?**

* We gave paratroopers, soldiers, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and airplanes
* We landed at **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* ****We were the only Allied force to meet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the day – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Overall Effort and Impact**

* Over 156 000 Allied troops landed on D-Day
* Roughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were Canadian
* Within a month, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** had begun – This was **The Beginning of the End** for Nazi Germany

**Freeing Belgium and the Netherlands**

* After the success of Normandy, in 1944, Canadian troops helped free Belgium from the Nazis, and then did the same for the Netherlands.
* The Dutch were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Canadian soldiers died liberating Belgium and the Netherlands.
* The Dutch still acknowledge Canadians’ sacrifice every year by sending thousands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Ottawa.