

ANSWERS

Date

June 6th, 1944

What happened?

Over 150,000 Allied Forces (Britain, America, Canada, and France) attacked the German army on the coast of Normandy in France.

Why is it important?

It was the turning point of World War II in Europe.

What led up to it?

Germany had invaded France. The allies were speeding up the bombing of German targets and destroying strategic locations to slow the German Army down.

How were the Germans deceived?

The Germans anticipated an invasion, but didn't know when to expect it. The Allies led them to believe it would happen at Pas de Calais, north of Normandy. The Allies were aided by the element of surprise and bad weather.

Describe the Invasion

Paratroopers arrived overnight behind enemy lines to destroy German targets and take control of bridges. Planes and warships began bombing. The French resistance cut telephone lines and destroyed railroads. 6000 ships brought Allies storming the beach of Normandy with soldiers, tanks, and equipment.