

e-lesson

Week starting: 5th June 2006

1. World War II

This lesson focuses on World War II and, more particularly, one of its most important events, “D-Day”, which took place on 6th June 1944.

Level

Upper intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm what your students know about World War II.
2. Give your students 5-10 minutes to read through Worksheet A. Tell them they are going to answer questions about it, but they shouldn't write anything down at this stage.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B. Tell them that by filling the gaps they can find the surname of the man who was one of the key figures involved in a large part of World War II, and who was voted “Greatest Briton” of all time in a British TV poll in 2002. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid.

Note: To make the exercise slightly easier you could provide your students with a few of the letters from the missing words. Alternatively, to make it more difficult, you could ask them to try to fill in the answers without referring back to Worksheet A.

4. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered as below, the word *Churchill* should read from top to bottom.

Answers

1. conflict
2. north
3. Russians
4. created
5. Pacific
6. homeless
7. bombing
8. bloody
9. Channel

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwtwo/>

A comprehensive overview of World War II from the BBC History website. Includes features on D-Day and Winston Churchill.

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/w2frm.htm>

The World War II section from the EyeWitness to History website. Numerous testimonies from soldiers and civilians who were involved in key events in the conflict.

<http://www.rzm.com/pvt.ryan/>

Official website of the film *Saving Private Ryan*.