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Geography Skills Worksheet

Chapter **1** ♦ World War II

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1. (a) On what day did the D-Day invasion, known as Operation Overlord, begin? (b) From what country did the Allied force set out? (c) What country was its objective? (d) What body of water did the Allied force cross?

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____

2. (a) What is the distance across the water from Portsmouth to the point where the invasion took place? (b) Where is the narrowest point across the water? (c) What is the distance there?

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____

3. Name the two German defense centers closest to the invasion.

4. (a) Why might the Germans have expected the Allies to choose a different point of attack? (b) Suggest two reasons why the Bay of the Seine was a good choice from the Allied point of view.

(a) _____

(b) _____

5. (a) What is the name for the overall region the Allies controlled by the end of July? (b) Given the general geography of the area, why might this position have been a great advantage for further operations? (Hint: Consider an army's need for supplies.)

(a) _____

(b) _____

