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Answer the Qs in the margin.

What was Operation Overlord?

How did the Allied Two-Front theater work?

Why was Hitler's counter-attack called the Battle of the Bulge?

What was VE Day?

Focus Question: How did the Allies defeat the Axis Powers?

Ch11.3 Victory in Europe & the Pacific

In 1943, Allied leaders agreed to open a second front in the war in Europe.

- American and British troops would cross the English Channel and invade France.
 - The secret operation was code-named Operation
 - General Dwight was the mission's commander.
- Operation Overlord was a massive operation.
 - It required careful planning and involved an elaborate hoax to fool the enemy about where troops would
 - On D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allies landed at
- Amid intense fighting, the Allies captured the
 - Within a month, more than one million troops landed in France.
- The Allies seized the momentum.
 - The Americans and British advanced from the west, liberating
 - The Soviets advanced from the, liberating Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, and Hungary.
- Hitler launched a counterattack, creating a in the American lines.
 - The Americans pushed back, forcing a German
- The Allies soon surrounded, preparing for an all-out assault on Hitler's capital
 - Hitler had fallen into madness, giving orders that were not obeyed and planning attacks that were not carried out.
 - In April 1945, Hitler committed **Germany surrendered.**

With the German surrender, the Allies celebrated Day, hailing their hard-fought victory in Europe.

- FDR did not live to join the celebrations. He a few weeks earlier.
- The new President was **Harry S. Truman**.

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What strategies did the Allies use in the Pacific?

What was the Manhattan Project?

Which cities were bombed?

What is VJ Day?

War still raged in the Pacific, where the Allies were fighting their way toward Japan.

- Battles during the **-hopping** campaign were fierce, with high casualties on both sides.
- **Kamikazes** crashed into American ships. Japanese troops fought to the death.
- An intense bombing campaign leveled much of Tokyo. Still, Japan to surrender.

Early in the war, FDR had authorized scientists to develop an bomb. The top secret program was code-named the **Manhattan Project**. Now it was up to Truman to decide if and when to use it.

The Japanese refused to surrender.

- An invasion of Japan could cost up to American lives.
- Truman's chief priority was to save American lives.
- On August 6, 1945, U.S. pilots dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- Three days later, they dropped a bomb on Nagasaki.
- On August 15, Emperor Hirohito surrendered.
- **The Allies celebrated** **Day, marking victory in Japan.** The most costly war in history was finally over.

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SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using at least 6 complete sentences:
