D-Day
Digital Escape Game

instructions

Hello!

Breakout activities are so much fun, I really hope that you and your students will enjoy this one about D-Day.

To get to the breakout, send your students to:
http://digitalescapegames.com/d-day - the password is Utah

You do NOT need access to edit the form or the images to play the game. You (and your students) WILL need to log into a google account in order to make a copy of the spreadsheet on the D-day landing page.

The topics discussed in this breakout include:
Deception before the landing
Pointe du Hoc
Oradour-Sur-Glane and the resistance
The forces involved in the landing
The US Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer

Once the students have unlocked all of the locks, they will see an image of some orders from WW2.

You're always moving the mouse over the page and looking for the mouse to change to a hyperlink (it looks like a hand). Click on the hyperlink and you'll be taken to the information that you need to crack the code!

Wikipedia

Things to know about Breakouts

These are challenging activities that your students will enjoy, once they understand the concept. The first breakout will always be the most difficult. This is not meant to be a simple activity with easy questions like "where did the American forces land on D-Day." That could easily be done as an online scavenger hunt, no need to do a break-out.

The answers are found on the page or in the video that the students reach when they find the link hidden on the image. The first one will always be the hardest - once they figure out the trick to finding links, subsequent ones will be much easier.

The fun of the game is that they don't know which page leads to each clue. Some will be more obvious than others (for example, if they are looking for a 'date' lock and one of the pages is about an event that happened on a certain date, that would be a good starting guess for the date lock). They will have to read the page, watch the video, and discuss the possible answers that will unlock the lock. If they enter a word or number into a lock and it doesn't work, they should keep working to see if that information works on a different lock - or maybe they have the wrong information!

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* Required

6-digit numerical lock *

Your answer

9-letter lock (ALL CAPS) *

Your answer

7-letter lock (ALL CAPS) *

Your answer

4-digit numerical lock *

Your answer

Date lock (MM/DD/YYYY) *

Your answer

Once you crack the clue, type it into the correct lock on the left of the home page. When you crack all the clues, you'll be directed to your Resistance mission instsructions.

Home page

When students open the home page, they will see a header image and a photo of a D-Day landing craft. To get to the other clues, they will need to scroll their mouse over the image. There are five links hidden in the image. When they scroll over a hidden link, the hand icon will show up and it will be clickable.

The links are hidden in various places on the photo- they will need to scroll slowly over the image in order to find them all!

Deception before D-Day

Deception

While the allied troops made their preparations for the invasion, there was plenty of work done to spread disinformation. The Nazis were preparing for an invasion hundreds of miles away, thanks to these efforts.

The Landing

On the Landings slide, clicking on the boats will lead to a spreadsheet. They will be prompted to make a copy of the spreadsheet - they MUST be logged into a google account in order to do so. Once there,

The Landings

The invasion was the largest invasion ever undertaken. It included ships, aircraft, paratroopers and artillery. The numbers are staggering!
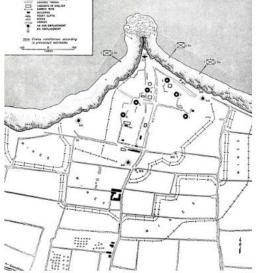
Pointe du Hoc

Pointe du Hoc

The Germans were prepared and waiting for an invasion. But they underestimated the willingness of the American fighting forces to attempt the impossible. The Germans stationed at the Pointe du Hoc were surprised by a group of such soldiers as a prelude to the invasion.

Resistance

Resistance

The Allies were helped by thousands of members of the French Resistance. These civilians fought the Nazis through sabotage, espionage, and by helping the Allies whenever possible. Not only the resistance was involved; in the days prior to the invasion citizens who were not a part of the resistance were also asked to join in the preparation. But the price for resistance was high, as those who lived in the village of Oradour-sur-Glane learned.

US Cemetery

US cemetery

Many were killed on the day of the invasion and the in the weeks that followed. Many of these casualties were laid to rest in the American Cemetery in Colleville-Sur-Mer. Some were never identified, and others were never found after the invasion.