



# Significant Battles in WWII



## Task:

Using a variety of different types of sources, research the significant battles fought by Canadians in World War II. Evaluate various sources for their usefulness, quality of historical detail, ease of use and appeal.

## Instructions:

1. Form small groups based on the number you have been assigned.
2. Go to the station that corresponds to your group number. Explore each topic, using the sources provided at each station.

1. **Canadians in Hong Kong** – *Spotlight Canada*, page 232 (Appendix K)
2. **The Dieppe Raid** – *The Canadian Encyclopedia* entry (handout)
3. **Canadians at Sea** – National Film Board documentary ([http://nfb.ca/film/atlantic\\_patrol/](http://nfb.ca/film/atlantic_patrol/))
4. **Canadians in the Air** – Go to Mrs. Hall's home page at [www.tvdsb.ca/webpages/hall1/](http://www.tvdsb.ca/webpages/hall1/). Select the Links tab. Scroll to CHC 2P1. Click on War Amps Vignettes (view Andy Mynarski, VC and Canadians in Bomber Command) and Juno Beach Centre – War in the Air.
5. **The Italian Campaign** – Newspaper + *The 10* (Appendix K)

3. Record your findings in the note-taking organizer.
4. You will have approximately 12 minutes at each station. There is NO time to spare.
5. In your organizer, make sure you have recorded the following information about each significant battle:

- **Who** was involved?
- **What** happened?
- **Where** did this battle take place?
- **When** did the battle occur?
- **Why** does it matter?

6. Now, based on your experience, rank the sources you used in the following categories: usefulness, quality of historical detail, ease of use and appeal (1 = best / 6 = worst).

The sources include: *Spotlight Canada*, *The Canadian Encyclopaedia*, the NFB documentary film *Atlantic Patrol*, web sites, a World War II era newspaper and *The 10*.

| Source | Usefulness | Quality of Historical Detail | Ease of Use | Appeal |
|--------|------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1.     |            |                              |             |        |
| 2.     |            |                              |             |        |
| 3.     |            |                              |             |        |
| 4.     |            |                              |             |        |
| 5.     |            |                              |             |        |
| 6.     |            |                              |             |        |