

World War II in Europe



Teaching Suggestions

Less than 25 years after World War I, Europe was again at war. As before, the United States became involved in the fighting. This map shows the main action in Europe.

- 1.** Have students color the areas that were under the control of the Axis Powers, those under the control of the Allies, and those that were neutral. Remind them to create a legend for their maps.
- 2.** The eastern front reached the capital of Russia. Have students label this capital on their maps, and have them label Berlin, the capital of Germany. Have them use the scale of miles to measure the distance between the two capitals.
- 3.** Ask students to name the important battle that took place in southern Russia along the eastern front. Have them mark and label this battle on their maps. Have them label the river along which this city lies.
- 4.** Have students mark the place where the Allies landed in France in June 1944. Have them measure the distance from that place to Berlin, using the scale of miles.
- 5.** Ask students to name the river that was near the area in Germany where Allies pushing east from France met those pushing west from the Soviet Union. Have them label the river on their maps.