

## LESSON PLANS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# D-DAY AND THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE MYSTERY

### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Increased understanding of D-day and relevant vocabulary in preparation for deeper inquiry

### ACTIVITY:

1. Watch one or both of the following videos
  - Canada on D-Day: June 6, 1944 (10m:06)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWcOMC6czH8>
    - This video gives is a succinct overview of D-Day, June 6, 1944.
  - D-Day Series: RCN and Operation Neptune (16m:16)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S84TOxkrl9g>
    - This video gives an overview of the Royal Canadian Navy's role on D-Day.
    - Note: This video is broken up into sections (Overview, Stop the U-boats, Clear the Mines, Cover the Beaches, Land the Troops) which are individually found here:  
<https://valourcanada.ca/video-documentaries/>
2. Have students read information about Telegraph crossword mystery individually or as a class here:  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1460892/D-Day-crosswords-are-still-a-few-clues-short-of-a-solution.html> and/or here: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/features/10789884/Who-put-secret-D-Day-clues-in-the-Telegraph-crossword.html>
3. Using books and/or digital sources for support, have students solve the attached crossword puzzle

### MODIFICATIONS:

- Have students collect (and properly source) images that describe each of the answers to the crossword puzzle
- Have students incorporate each of the crossword puzzle answers into a timeline, flowchart, or other visual tool to describe the events of D-Day

### Objectives:

*Our Intention is to educate Canadian Citizens so that they:*

- » *Appreciate the role of our military heritage in protecting Canadian interests, values and beliefs.*
- » *Understand the role our military history has had in shaping our country and the world.*
- » *Are inspired to be engaged and well-informed participatory citizens of Canada.*

### Historical Era:

Second World War

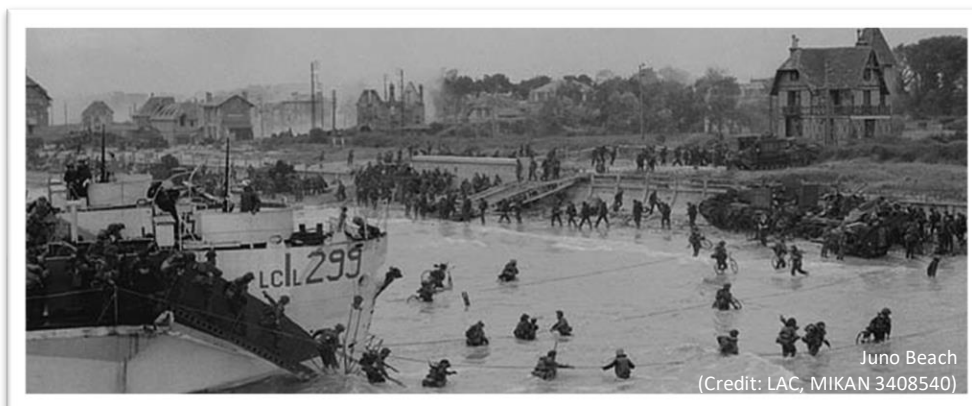
### Intended Student Body:

Grades 6 – 12

*\* Activity can easily be modified for most grades and ability levels.*

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

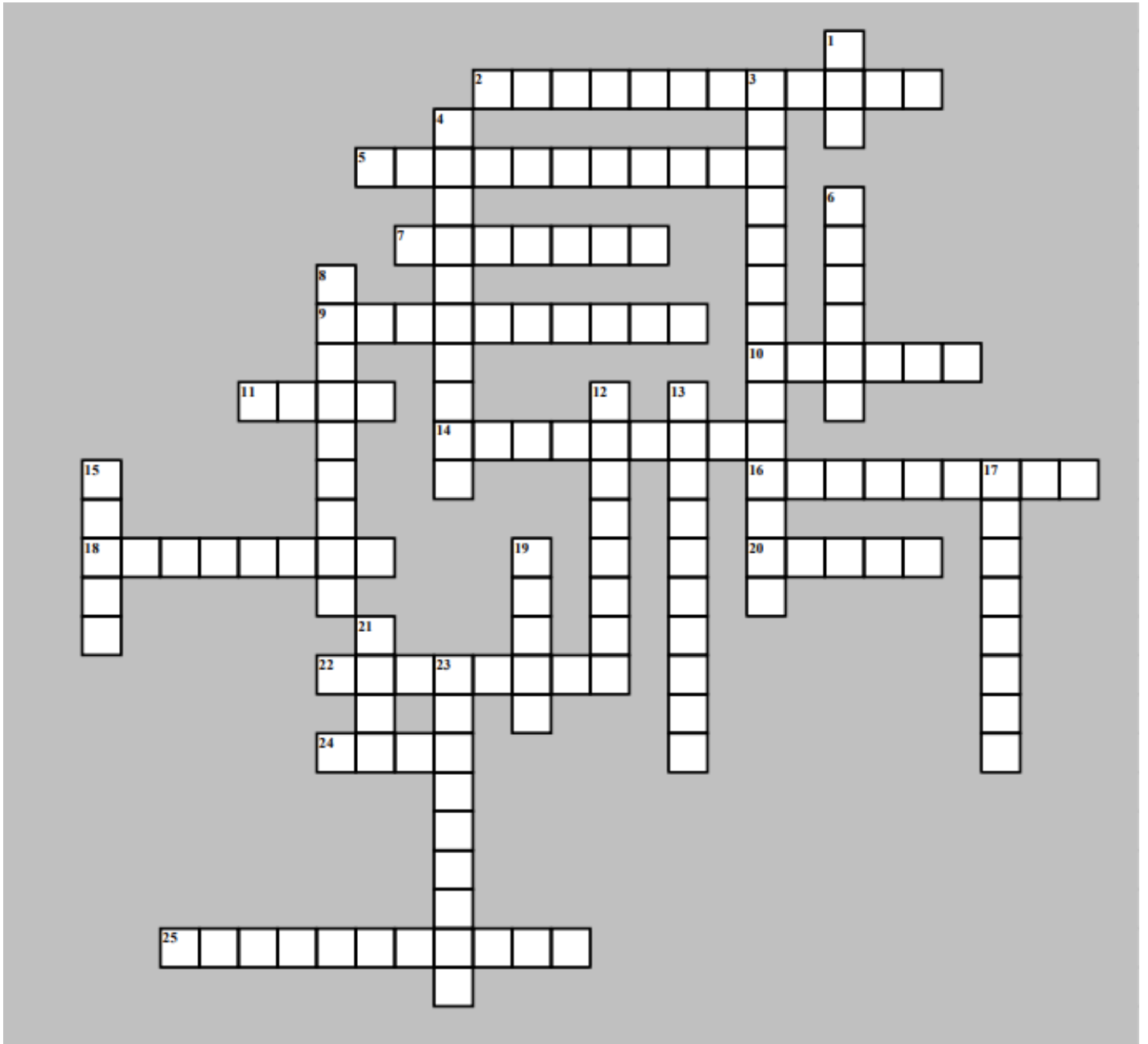
- Valour Canada video clips  
Canada on D-Day: Operation Overlord, D-Day Series: RCN and Operation Neptune  
(<https://valourcanada.ca/video-documentaries/>)
- Crossword puzzle (provided)



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Using the resources available to you, find the words related to the clues below and enter them into the puzzle.



## **CLUES:**

### **Across**

- 2 Coastal fortifications build by the Germans to defend an invasion of Europe (2 words)
5. When unconnected events occur concurrently
7. Operation codename for the crossing of the English Channel on D-day and Telegraph crossword puzzle answer on 1 June, 1944
9. ---landing, military operation involving watercraft delivering troops to shore
10. Name of disastrous Canadian battle on 19 August, 1942 and Telegraph crossword puzzle answer 17 August, 1942
11. American landing beach on D-Day and Telegraph crossword answer 3 May, 1944
14. The practice of spying 16 High hedges bordering fields that created dangerous obstacles for invading Allies in Normandy
18. ----assault, military operation involving parachuting troops into battle
20. Codename for double agent working for the British who spread false information about where the invasion of France would take place
22. Codename for temporary, floating harbours used to offload equipment onto the beaches of Normandy and Telegraph crossword puzzle answer on 30 May, 1944
24. Canadian landing beach on D-Day and Telegraph crossword answer in April 1944
25. Battle front long promised to the Soviets and opened as a result of D-Day (2 words)

### **Down**

1. What the D stands for in D-Day
3. Anti-tank obstacles found on the D-Day (2 words)
4. Commander of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force in charge of D-Day
6. German Field Marshal in charge of defending France from Allied invasion, at home on 6 June, 1944 for his wife's birthday after having been informed that no landing could possibly take place this day
8. ~14,000 landed on D-Day 12 Region of France invaded by Allies, named for the Normans, or Northmen (Vikings) who once conquered and settled in the area
13. Dead and injured in battle, lighter than expected on D-Day, totalling ~10 000 Allied combatants and ~9 000 Germans 15 American landing beach on D-Day and Telegraph crossword answer 22 May, 1944
17. Operation codename for D-Day and Telegraph crossword puzzle answer on 27 May, 1944
19. British landing beach on D-Day and Telegraph crossword answer in early 1944
21. Canadian landing beach on D-Day and Telegraph crossword answer in April 1944
23. Codename of deception operation to mislead the Germans about where and when the invasion of France would take place.

ANSWER KEY:

