

## D-DAY, 6 June 1944

### Activity: Select a location and time-of-day for your landing

**Task Description:** In this activity your group will select a landing location for your D-Day invasion that is based on what the Allies had and what they were up against.

**Directions:** Read “YOUR MISSION” below and then answer questions # 1 - 5.

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### YOUR MISSION: Select a location and time-of-day for your landing

For the coastal invasion (at a yet-to-be-decided location in France) you have:

- 12,000 aircraft and 24,000 airborne soldiers
- 10,000 ships/watercraft (including all necessary sailors, support staff, etc.)
- A finely tuned industry that can create almost anything for your Armed Forces

NOTE 1: Yes, you also have 300,000 British, American, and Canadian army soldiers [Dieppe had only 6,000] and 30,000 vehicles, but they are not a key factor for this exercise.

NOTE 2: That everything you have at your disposal is distributed among many different ports (i.e., Dover, Portsmouth, Poole, Plymouth, etc.) and airfields located in Britain.

**Question # 1:** Why do you think that your boats, soldiers, airplanes, etc. are spread throughout England?

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**Question # 2:** Should your group use everything it has at its disposal for the invasion or should it hold some assets in reserve? Why?

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**Question # 3:** Once landed, by what method will the soldiers and vehicles get across the beach and up onto the hard land and what difficulties will they be faced with at that time?

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**Question # 4 - Time of Day:** Choose a time of day (using the 24-hour clock) at which your planned invasion will occur and give at least 2 reasons why you’ve selected that time.

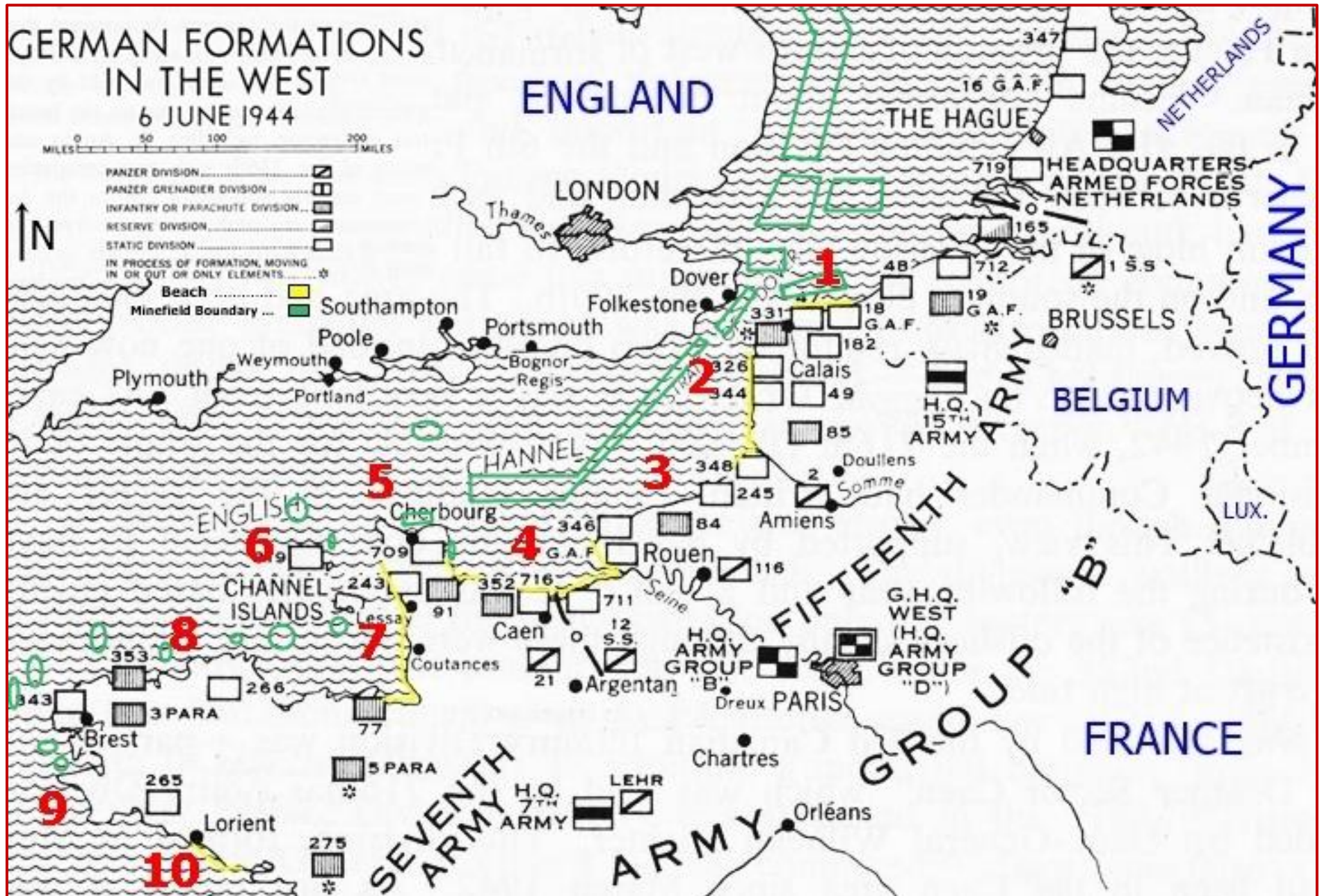
We plan to invade at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ on June 6, 1944, because \_\_\_\_\_

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Map: "German Formations in the West, 6 June 1944"

**Question # 5 – Choose your invasion location from the ten options shown on the map.**

Before choosing your invasion location, don't forget that the following are quite important:

- Topography (slope steepness) and ground type at landing location
- Distance from ports in Britain (your travel and resupply distance)
- Distance from German reinforcements (enemy travel and resupply distance)
- Access to travel infrastructure after landing (i.e., roads, railways, etc.)
- At which locations will the enemy think invasions are most likely? (Think of the previous 4 points!)
- Naval minefields can be traveled through. To do so, however, is very dangerous

HINT: To be successful in this activity, try to think strategically about what you (and the enemy) are trying to accomplish.

**YOUR ANSWER:**

We plan to invade France on June 6, 1944, at LOCATION # \_\_\_\_\_ because of the following 3 reasons:

- Make sure to explain your reasoning completely! -

Reason 1:

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Reason 2:

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Reason 3:

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