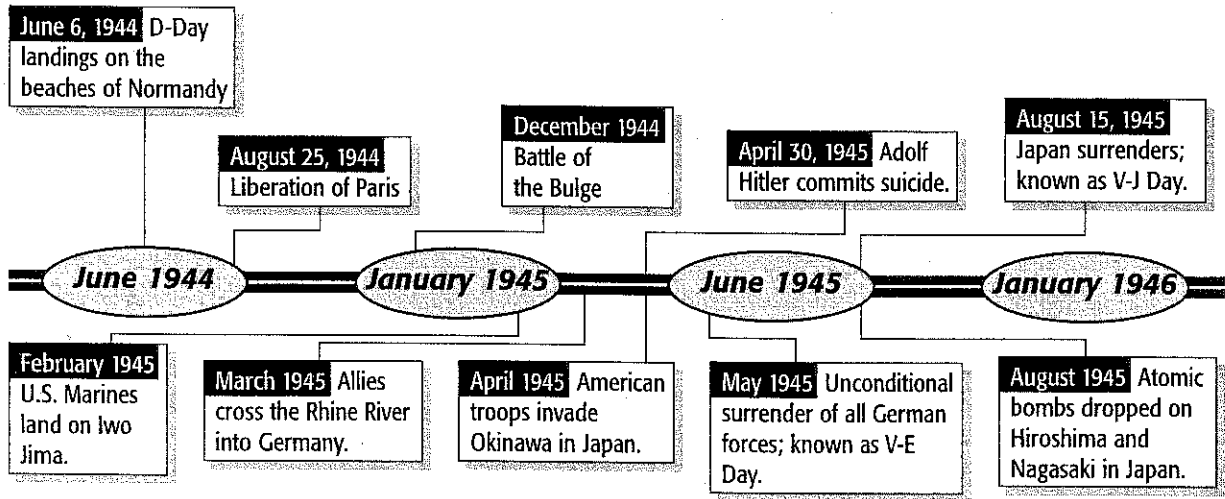


**★ Time Line Activity 14**

**The Road to Victory**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the information on the time line to fill in the blanks below.



On (1) \_\_\_\_\_, a day known as (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the Allied invasion of France began with landings on the beaches of Normandy. On (3) \_\_\_\_\_, the Allies liberated Paris from Nazi control. Another famous battle, the (4) \_\_\_\_\_, took place just a few months later, in December 1944, when German troops pushed west against the Allied forces, causing the German's lines to bulge outward.

In March 1945, the Allies discovered a bridge across the Rhine River that was still intact. They crossed the bridge, pushing German forces back toward Berlin. On April 30, 1945, the Nazi leader (5) \_\_\_\_\_, sensing imminent defeat, committed suicide. A week later, in May 1945, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ forces surrendered to the Allies. May 8, 1945, became known as (7) \_\_\_\_\_, or Victory in Europe Day.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific, U.S. Marines landed on the island of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in February 1945. And in (9) \_\_\_\_\_, American troops invaded Okinawa. Three months later, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and (11) \_\_\_\_\_. On August 15, 1945, the Japanese (12) \_\_\_\_\_. World War II was over.