

AXIS POWERS ADVANCE TOPIC 9.2



A formation of German Ju 87 Stuka dive bombers are flying over France, in this May 29, 1940 photo.

- 1. The Nazi invasion of Poland revealed the power of Hitler's _____, or "lightning war."**
- 2. A key component of the German blitzkrieg was the _____, or German air force, that launched air strikes against enemy positions.**
- 3. Fast moving German tanks, or _____, pushed into Polish territory, encircling whole divisions, and forcing them to surrender.**
- 4. _____ and France could do nothing beyond declaring war on Germany.**
- 5. In April of 1940, Hitler launched a blitzkrieg against Norway and _____.**

- 6. Shortly after, German forces slammed into the Netherlands and _____.**
- 7. The extensive network of defenses constructed by the French along the German border was known as the _____.**
- 8. The Battle of _____ began on May 9, 1940. French and British forces were crushed.**
- 9. In a desperate gamble, the British sent all available naval vessels, merchant ships, and fishing boats to rescue stranded troops off the beach at _____.**
- 10. Overrun and demoralized, France surrendered on _____ 22, 1940.**



Hundreds of thousands of British and French troops who had fled advancing German forces massed on the beach of Dunkirk, France, on June 4, 1940, awaiting ships to carry them to England.



German troops entered Paris on 14 June. French forces withdrew from the city the day before and it was declared an 'open city' - meaning it would not be defended - in order to prevent its destruction.



A German armored tank crosses the Aisne River in France, on June 21, 1940, one day before the surrender of France.