

HITLER STRIKES EAST



WEBQUEST Directions: Using the internet, as well as the textbook and information from class discussions, fill in the blanks correctly.

WORD BANK

Red Army

Heinz Guderian

Operation Barbarossa

T-34

Moscow

scorched earth

Joseph Stalin

Lebensraum

Kiev

Wehrmacht

KV-1

Katyusha

Georgy Zhukov

Siege of Leningrad

four million

General Winter



1. In June of 1941, Hitler broke the Nazi-Soviet Pact when he launched his invasion of the Soviet Union, known as _____.
2. Hitler wanted to gain _____, or “living space” for the German people.
3. Hitler unleashed a new blitzkrieg on the Soviet Union consisting of _____ German troops.
4. _____ was taken by surprise by the German attack.
5. The German Army was known as the _____.
6. The Soviet forces were known as the _____.

- 7. As the Soviet troops retreated, they utilized “_____” tactics, destroying their own homes and farms and anything that could be used by the invaders.**
- 8. _____ was one of the renowned German Panzer commanders who led the blitzkrieg into Russia.**
- 9. The German invaders smashed deep into the Soviet Union and were poised to capture _____, the Soviet capital.**
- 10. In the south, German forces overran the Ukraine and captured the key city of _____. Many Ukrainians joined the Nazis in fighting Stalin’s forces.**
- 11. In September 1941, the two-and-a-half-year _____ began. Thousands of Soviet citizens starved or froze to death.**
- 12. The _____ was a Soviet heavy tank which served to slow the German advance.**
- 13. The _____ was a Soviet medium tank first deployed in 1940 and vital to halting the German advance into the Soviet Union.**
- 14. Hitler’s forces were not prepared for “_____”. By December 1941, temperatures plunged below freezing. The German attack stalled and thousands of German soldiers starved or froze to death.**
- 15. The Soviet BM-13 _____ mobile rocket launcher, greatly feared by the German infantry, could deliver 4.35 tons of high explosives fired in a 7-10 second salvo.**
- 16. Marshal _____ was appointed by Stalin to organize Soviet defenses and lead the Soviet counterattack against the German invaders.**