

QUESTIONS

Operation Citadel and the Battle of Kursk



1. What was Operation Citadel?
2. What did Hitler hope to achieve by attacking the Soviets at Kursk?
3. How did Hitler's generals feel about the plan?
4. Why did Hitler delay the attack?
5. What new weapons did the Germans deploy for Operation Citadel?
6. Why did Hitler's delays prove to be costly?
7. When did the attack finally begin?

8. How did the Soviets know the attack was coming?
9. Once the attack began, what strategy did the Red Army employ?
10. What were some of the weapons used by the Soviets?
11. Why did the German assault stall?
12. Why did Hitler call off Operation Citadel?
13. Even though Soviet losses were staggering, how was the Red Army able to turn the tide of the battle and counterattack?
14. Why is the Battle of Kursk considered an important “turning point” in the war?

