

Battle of Britain & Operation Sea Lion and connection to Battle of France, Operation Dynamo, & Case Yellow

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Brief Summary of Information

Battle of Britain

- Two sides in battle - **Britain and Germany**
- The battle was only fought through the **air** and using their air force
- **Luftwaffe**- German Air force
- **RAF** (Royal Air Force) - British Air Force
- RAF dominated Luftwaffe **3:1**
- Britain's Leader- **Winston Churchill**
- German Leader- **Adolf Hitler**



Brief Summary of Information

Battle of France

- Two sides in battle - **France and Germany**
- Also known as the **Fall of France**
- Organized into 2 operations, **Case Yellow & Case Red**
- France's Leader- **Marshal Philippe Petain**
- German Leader- **Adolf Hitler**





What was Operation Sea Lion?

- Hitler's original plan to invade Britain
- Did not end up following through due to Britain's RAF having a 3:1 ratio against Germany's Luftwaffe
- Britain eventually won this battle after Germany having an early lead which led to the end of Operation Sea Lion



What was Operation Dynamo?

- Also known as the Dunkirk Evacuation
- This was a evacuation plan to help rescue British, French, and Belgian forces that had been captured by the German Blitzkrieg



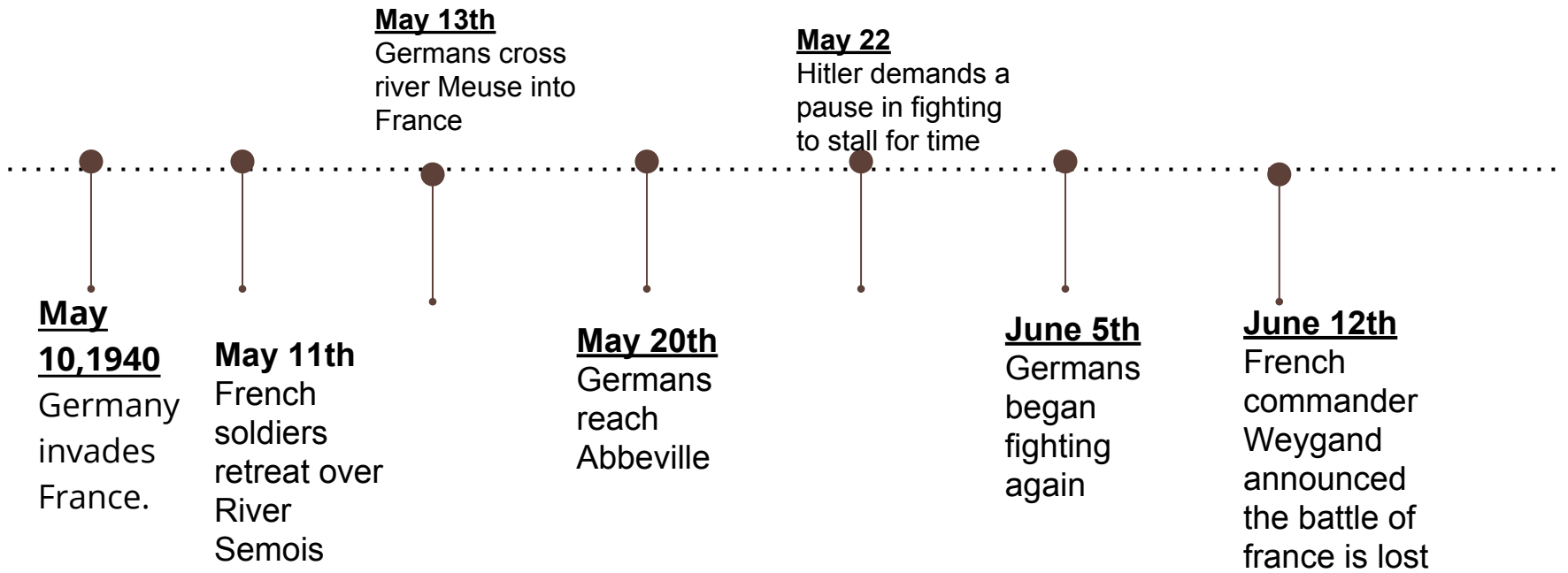
Battle of Britain

July 1940-May 1941

Began by Germany and the Luftwaffe bombing Great Britain in order to destroy their RAF (Royal Air Force) and planned to invade as soon as the RAF was defeated.

Battle of France

Germany invaded France, sending the French and the British in the sea. Case Yellow: pushing the French out of the German territory. Case Red: to show German Superiority. The Germans go through the Ardennes Forest. Operation Dynamo: France, Britain, and Belgium trying to save captives held in Northern Belgium (



Battle of France Timeline



Battle of France Timeline ctd.

Battle of Britain Timeline facts-

- Luftwaffe is the German air force
- RAF is the British royal air force
- The Battle of Britain was the first all-air battle in History
- plan relied on control of English channel, needed air control to prevent RAF bombing German ships
- The Battle of Britain got its name from a Winston Churchill speech on June 18th when he said "The battle of France is over. I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin"



Battle of Britain Timeline -1940



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September 16th:
Luftwaffe
turns focus
to bombing
British cities
at night

September 17th:
Hitler once again
postpones
Operation Sealion
(operation was
never officially
canceled)

October 31st: the
Battle of Britain
ended due to
Germany's inability
to gain superiority
over the Royal Air
Force.

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Fun and Important Facts !

Ardennes Forest

For German attack,
They went through
the Ardennes
forest as one of
two ways to attack
france

Hitler Dancing a Jig

After being
shocked from
France's surrender,
Hitler (literally)
walks one step
backwards and this
movement is
named his Jig.

Why did Hitler stop?

Hitler stopped in
order to prepare
for war because
the generals
needed time to
start another
invasion

-Ardennes Forest - Germans went in two directions: one was through southern France through the Ardennes Forest-<http://www.sparknotes.com/history/european/ww2/section2.rhtml>

_Connection back to WW1 and race to the sea

- Why did Hitler stop- to get ready for the war. The generals needed time to start another invasion.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/fall_france_01.shtml
- Comedic relief- Hitler dancing a jig- Hitler was shocked after accepting France's surrender, so he walks 1 step backwards (literally) and movie director John Grierson, remade this into a jig http://hoaxes.org/archive/permalink/hitlers_silly_dance video
- Other names for Operation Dynamo - Dunkirk evacuation-http://www.historyofwar.org/articles/operation_dynamo.html
- How did Britain see it (ODY)
- Vichy Government

Battle of Britain

Radar and its impact significance - Radar detected incoming enemies <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/topics/radar>
why is this a turning point in the war - the Germans lost the battle, and did not gain air superiority.

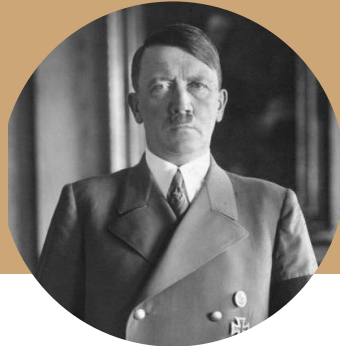
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Important People In Battles



**Marshal Philippe
Petain**

Leader of the
French during
Battle of France
and French
Ambassador



Adolf Hitler

Leader for
Germany during
Battle of Britain
and Battle of
France



Winston Churchill

Leader of
Britain during
the battle of
Britain

Importance of Battle
of Britain

Connection to
World War I

Importance of Battle of France

the Battle of France was an example of the German Blitzkrieg tactics, in which armored divisions were massively used to spearhead offensives and open holes in the French defensive lines (Battle of France)

Connection to World War I

British also joined the Battle of France

British were trained by cautious generals

These generals survived World War I

Ending Review Questions

Q 1: Why did Hitler do a jig dance?

Q 2: What does RAF stand for? Battle of Britain or France?

Q3: What is the name of Germany's air force?

Q4: Who won the Battle of Britain?

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