**D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy Primary Source Activity**

**Directions:** Using the ***D-Day*** primary source packet you will complete the following set of inquiry based questions in an attempt to understand the military campaign launched on the shores of Normandy France, beginning on June 6th, 1944. While completing this activity it is important that you discuss the primary source documents with those in your group.

**Section I: Important Terms   
Directions:** Using Chapter 17 ***define*** the term **D-Day** and ***describe*** the **5 beaches involved in the conflict**:

**Section II. Primary Source Documents**

**Directions:** Examine the primary source documents contained in the ***D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy*** folder. The folder contains 12 primary source documents focusing on events of the invasion of D-Day. There are 3 documents which are mandatory for you to complete and 4 documents you will have the choice to select from in order to complete this activity. ***In total you will complete*** ***7*** ***of the 12 documents*** and respond to the guided questions below. **\*Each document has been numbered in the upper right hand corner**

**D-Day Background Information (Document One)**

**Document One: Title: D-Day Background Information**

* ***Identify*** the **geographic regions in Europe that Germany controlled** in 1944:
* ***Discuss*** the German approach to **defending the territory** that they were occupying:
* ***Summarize*** the **Allies plan for invasion** according to the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** the **challenges that the Allies faced** during the invasion of Normandy:
* ***Discuss*** the outcome of the 1st Division’s landing on Omaha beach: **\*Be sure to discuss the strategy and the amount of men lost during the battle**

**Chicago Tribune Articles (Documents two through four)**

**Directions:** Please select one of the three articles published in the Chicago Tribune from June 7th to June 10th, 1944 and complete the guided questions below.

**Document : Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* ***Identify*** the author of the primary source :

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source :

**Title: Letter from General Eisenhower (Document five)**

* ***Identify*** the author of the primary source:

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source:

**Oral History Excerpts (Documents six through nine)**

**Directions:** Please select two of the four primary source documents that recount the oral history of the soldiers who fought during the invasion of Normandy.

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* ***Identify*** the main character, their military division, and their combat location during the invasion of Normandy:

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source :

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* ***Identify*** the main character, their military division, and their combat location during the invasion of Normandy:

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source :

**Platoon Diary (Document Ten)**

**Document Ten: Title: I & R Platoon Diary June 6th, 1944**

* ***Identify*** the author of the primary source :

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source :

**Letters from Normandy (Eleven and Twelve)**

**Directions:** Please select **one** of the letters sent during the invasion of Normandy and complete the guided questions.

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* ***Identify*** the author of the primary source :

* ***Summarize*** the central theme of the primary source:
* ***Discuss*** any personal thoughts and/or feelings you may have after examining the primary source :