

claim to Eastern Europe. In this region, the Soviets felt they could stop future invasions from the west.

U.S. Aims Versus Soviet Aims in Europe

The United States wanted to . . .

- Create a new world order in which all nations had the right of self-determination
- Gain access to raw materials and markets for its industries
- Rebuild European governments to ensure stability and to create new markets for American goods
- Reunite Germany, believing that Europe would be more secure if Germany were productive

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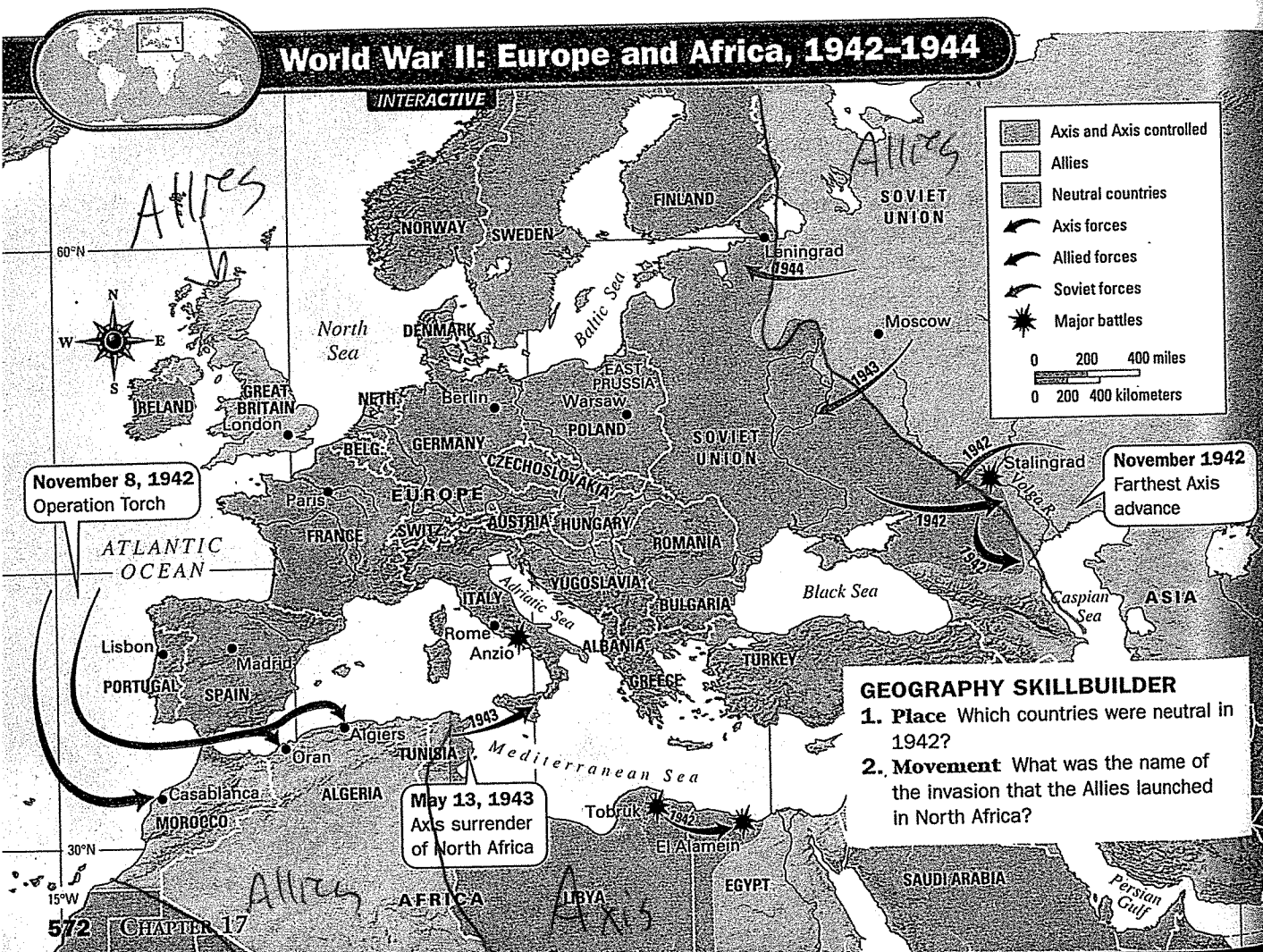
- Encourage communism in other countries as part of the worldwide struggle between workers and the wealthy
- Rebuild its war-ravaged economy using Eastern Europe's industrial equipment and raw materials
- Control Eastern Europe to balance U.S. influence in Western Europe
- Keep Germany divided and weak so that it would never again threaten the Soviet Union

SKILLBUILDER Interpreting Charts

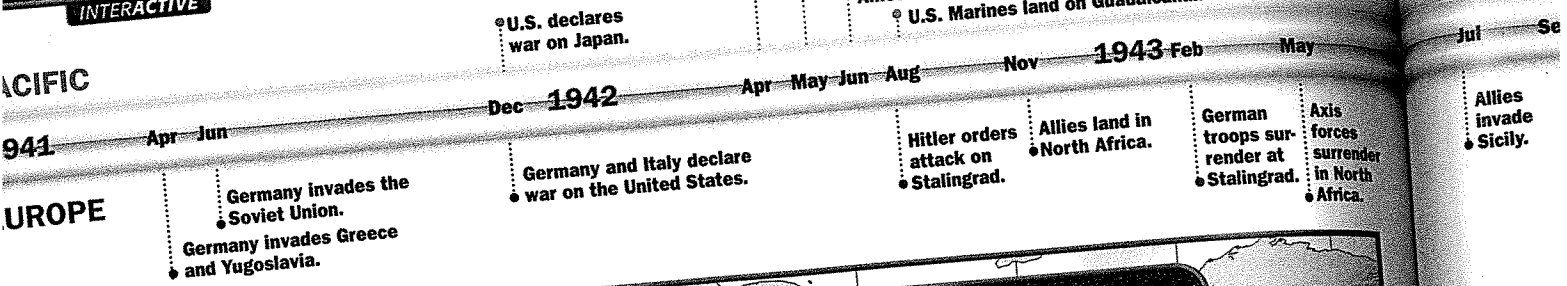
1. Which aims involved economic growth of the United States?
2. Which Soviet aims involved self-protection?

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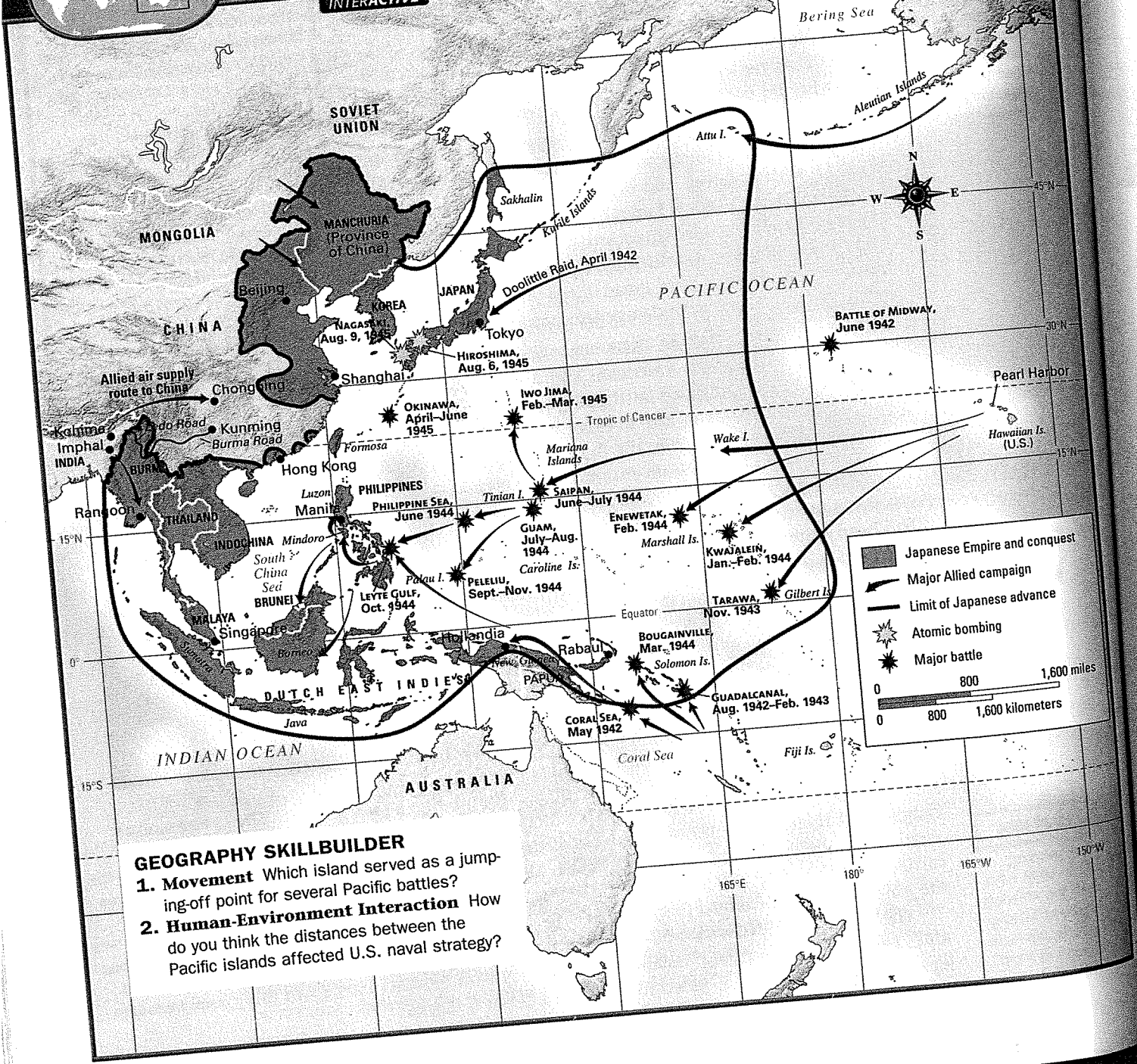
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War in the Pacific and in Europe



World War II: The War in the Pacific, 1942-1945



GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER

- 1. Movement** Which island served as a jumping-off point for several Pacific battles?
- 2. Human-Environment Interaction** How do you think the distances between the Pacific islands affected U.S. naval strategy?