

# Strategic Bombing Campaign Interactive Worksheet

The decision to engage in strategic bombing during World War II was one of the most significant of the war. The effectiveness and morality of the air campaigns are still debated by historians today. Using the interactive from the American Battle Monuments Commission (found online at [http://www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/interactive/interactive\\_files/SBC\\_Web/index.html](http://www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/interactive/interactive_files/SBC_Web/index.html)), please answer the following questions by using complete sentences in preparation of your writing assessment.

## **Prelude:**

What is strategic bombing?

Which nation developed the B-17 bomber and why was the B-17 a major achievement?

## **September 1939-June 1940:**

What are some of the challenges Britain faced as it began strategic bombing?

## **July 1940-June 1941:**

How were the British able to fend off the Germans during the Battle of Britain?

What caused the Germans to attack British cities?

Why did Hitler cancel his plans to invade Great Britain?

## **July 1941-December 1941:**

What ended the Blitz?

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How did the Allies draw the Germans away from the Soviet Union?

Why did the United States enter World War II?

## **January 1942-June 1942:**

Why was the air raid on Romania important?

How did the Allied attacks harm the German war effort?

## **July 1942-November 1942:**

Why does the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force initially only attack German targets in France?

## **December 1942-May 1943:**

How does Germany fight back against the American daylight bombing raids?

How does strategic bombing change the outcome of the Battle of the Atlantic?

## **June 1943-October 1943:**

What happened when the Allies bombed Hamburg?

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## **November 1943-February 1944:**

How does the development of the P-51 help the Allied bombing effort?

Why would the Allies want to destroy the Luftwaffe?

## **March 1944-May 1944:**

Why would the Allies bomb railways and communication centers before launching Operation Overlord?

## **June 1944-August 1944:**

How did bombing improve the odds of success for Operation Overlord?

## **September 1944-December 1944:**

How was air support used by the Allies during the Battle of the Bulge?

## **January 1945-May 1945:**

Why would the Allies attack civilian areas in German cities?