

★ **Guided Reading Activity 21-2**

**DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details** Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

★ **Main Idea:** The Japanese continued to win victories in the Pacific until the battle of Midway.

1. **Detail:** A few hours after they bombed Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attacked American airfields in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Detail:** When American forces defending the Bataan Peninsula surrendered in April of 1942, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ of them were forced to march to a Japanese prison camp.
3. **Detail:** After the Doolittle raid, the Japanese decided the American fleet had to be destroyed to protect \_\_\_\_\_ from bombing.
4. **Detail:** Despite their losses at the Battle of the Coral Sea, American forces prevented the Japanese from cutting supply lines to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. **Detail:** Unaware that they were heading into an ambush, the Japanese launched their aircraft against \_\_\_\_\_ on June 4, 1942.

★ **Main Idea:** The Allies defeated Germany in Africa and in the Battle of the Atlantic. The Soviet victory at Stalingrad was a turning point of the war.

6. **Detail:** Stalin wanted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to open a second front by attacking Germany from the west to take the pressure off the Soviet Union.
7. **Detail:** Egypt was very important to Britain because of the \_\_\_\_\_—the route used by most of Britain's empire to send supplies to Britain.
8. **Detail:** The German "Afrika Korps" was commanded by \_\_\_\_\_, a brilliant commander whose success earned him the nickname "Desert Fox."
9. **Detail:** Because the city of Stalingrad controlled the \_\_\_\_\_ and was a major railroad junction, capturing the city was the key to Germany's attack.
10. **Detail:** The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ was a major turning point of the war, because it put the Germans on the defensive.