

**★ Guided Reading Activity 21-4**

**DIRECTIONS: Filling in the Blanks** In the space provided, write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

1. The Allied invasion of \_\_\_\_\_ in November 1942 had shown that a large-scale invasion from the sea was possible.
2. Among the agreements reached at the \_\_\_\_\_ was the decision to step up the bombing of Germany.
3. The bombing campaign between January 1943 and May 1945 caused a severe oil shortage in Germany and wrecked its \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Italian campaign was one of the bloodiest in the war, costing more than \_\_\_\_\_ Allied casualties.
5. At the Tehran Conference with Churchill and Roosevelt, Stalin promised to launch a \_\_\_\_\_ against the Germans when the Allies invaded France in 1944.
6. Stalin also promised that once Germany was defeated, the Soviet Union would help \_\_\_\_\_.
7. President Roosevelt chose \_\_\_\_\_ to command the invasion known as Operation Overlord.
8. The Germans believed that the Allies would land in \_\_\_\_\_—the area of France closest to Britain.
9. On June 6, 1944, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ ships carrying more than \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers set sail for the coast of Normandy.
10. American troops came under intense German fire, and suffered heavy losses, after their landing at \_\_\_\_\_.
11. While the buildup for invading France was taking place in Britain, American military leaders were also developing a strategy to defeat \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The first part of America's two-pronged attack on Japan called for the \_\_\_\_\_ to hop from one island to the next.
13. The geographical problem with the central Pacific was that many of the islands were \_\_\_\_\_.
14. American military planners wanted to use the \_\_\_\_\_ as a base for a new heavy bomber that could reach Japan.
15. The Battle of Leyte Gulf was the first time that the Japanese used \_\_\_\_\_ attacks.