

# ***The Battle of Britain & Operation Sea Lion***



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# Summary

(July 10, 1940- October 31, 1940)

- Hitler's plan to finally defeat Britain
- Fought in Britain and the English Channel
- Fighting took place in air and sea
- Operation Sea Lion was a planned German invasion that never happened

**Thesis**

**Context**

**Timeline**

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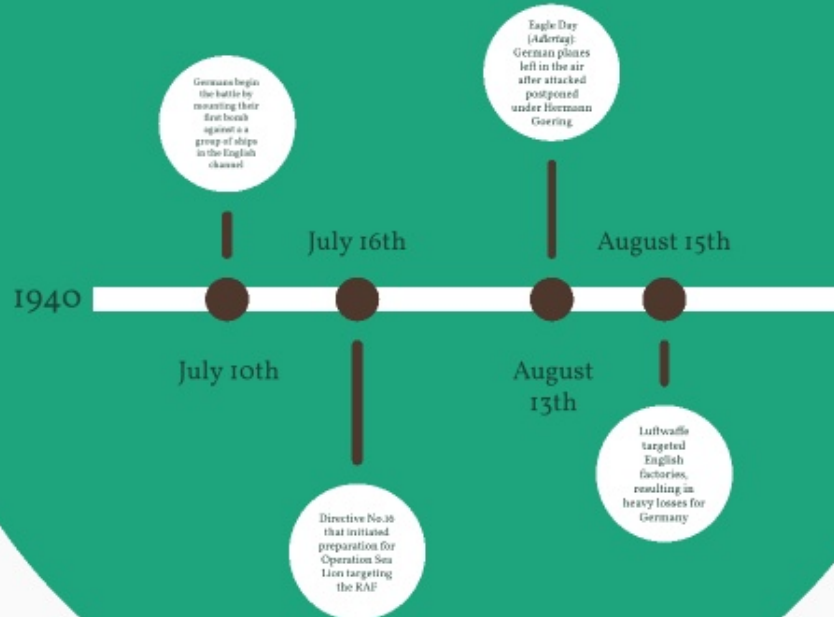
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Initiating the war, Hitler targeted an isolated Britain but was not able to implement Operation Sea Lion due to **military shortcomings** coupled with **Churchill's use of British nationalism**, which allowed the British success in the Battle of Britain thus **creating hope for the allies of the eventual defeat of Germany.**

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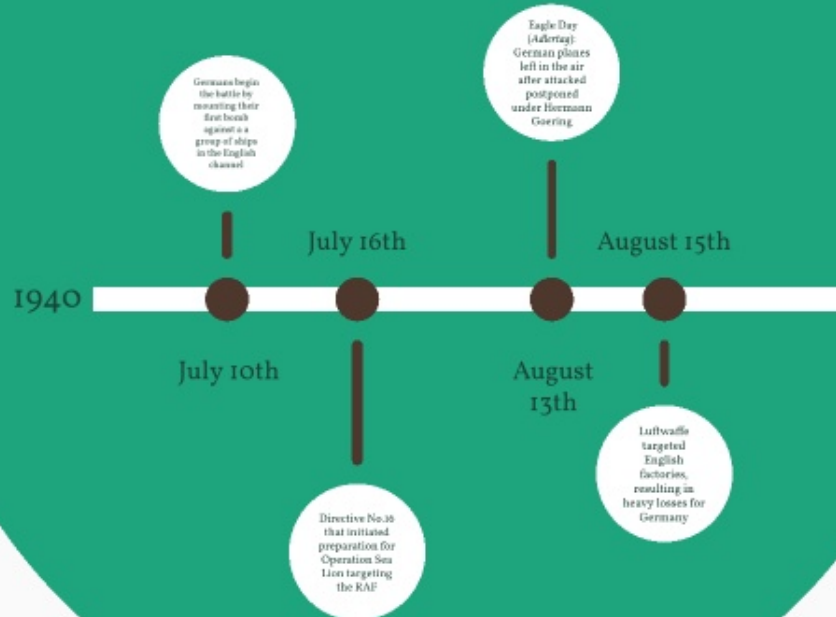
- Case Yellow was successful
  - Chance of Britain coming to a peace agreement
- Hitler issues Directive No. 16
  - Confirms preparations of invasion
- Roosevelt's Lend-Lease Act
  - Enables U.S. to send arms

# Timeline



Germans begin  
the battle by  
mounting their  
first bomb  
against a a  
group of ships  
in the English  
channel

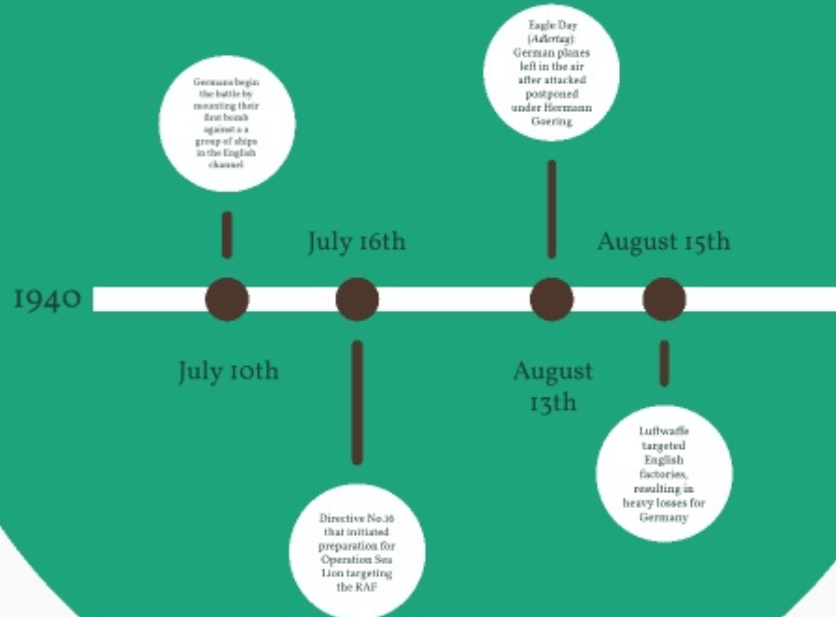
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Directive No.16  
that initiated  
preparation for  
Operation Sea  
Lion targeting  
the RAF

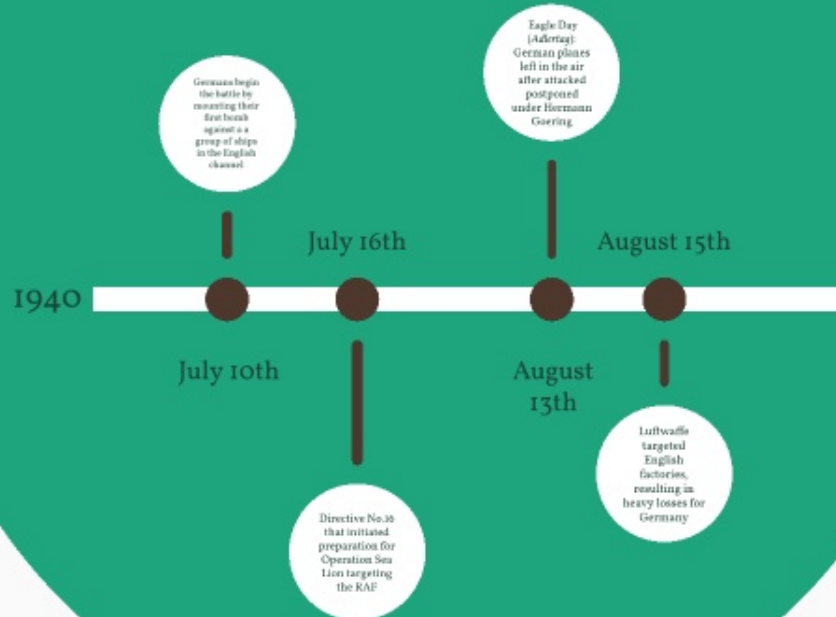


# Timeline



Eagle Day  
(*Adlertag*):  
German planes  
left in the air  
after attacked  
postponed  
under Hermann  
Goering

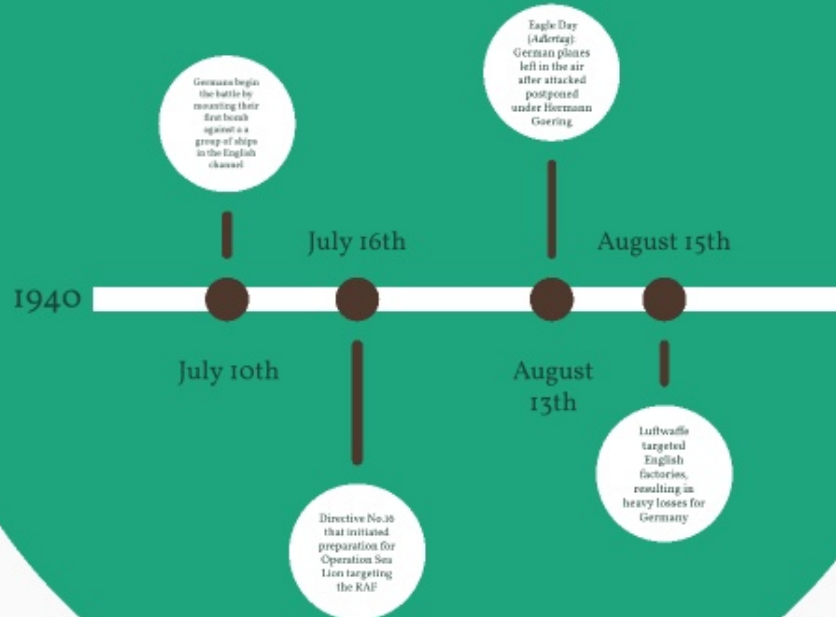
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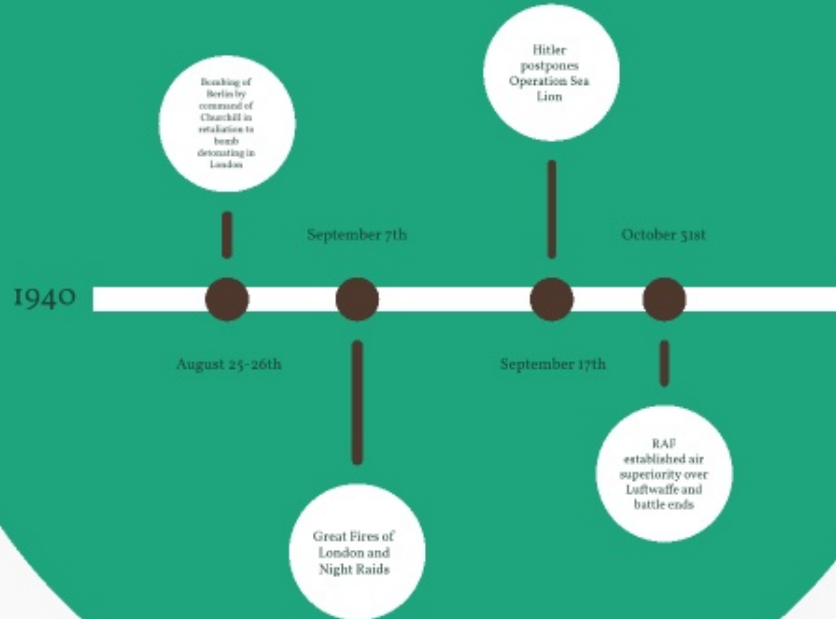
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Luftwaffe  
targeted  
English  
factories,  
resulting in  
heavy losses for  
Germany

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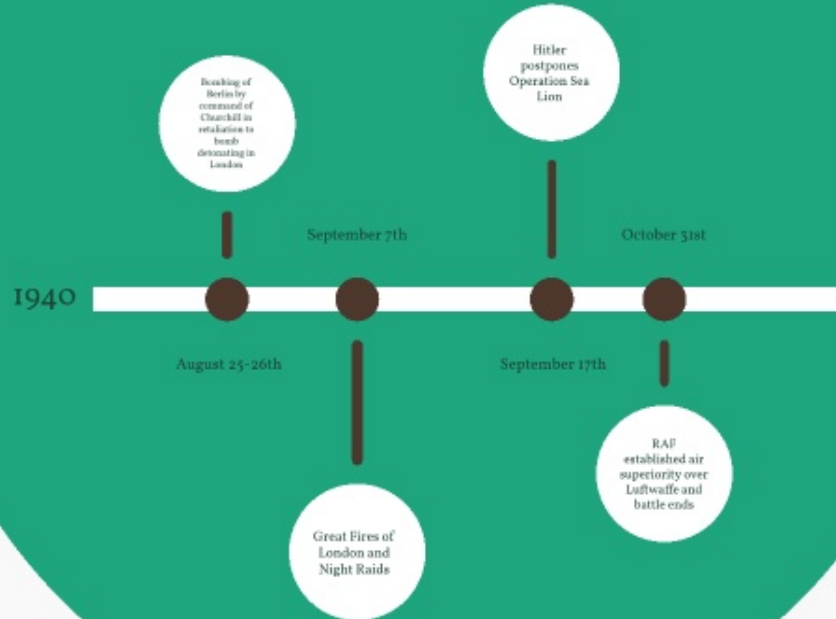


# Timeline



Bombing of  
Berlin by  
command of  
Churchill in  
retaliation to  
bomb  
detonating in  
London

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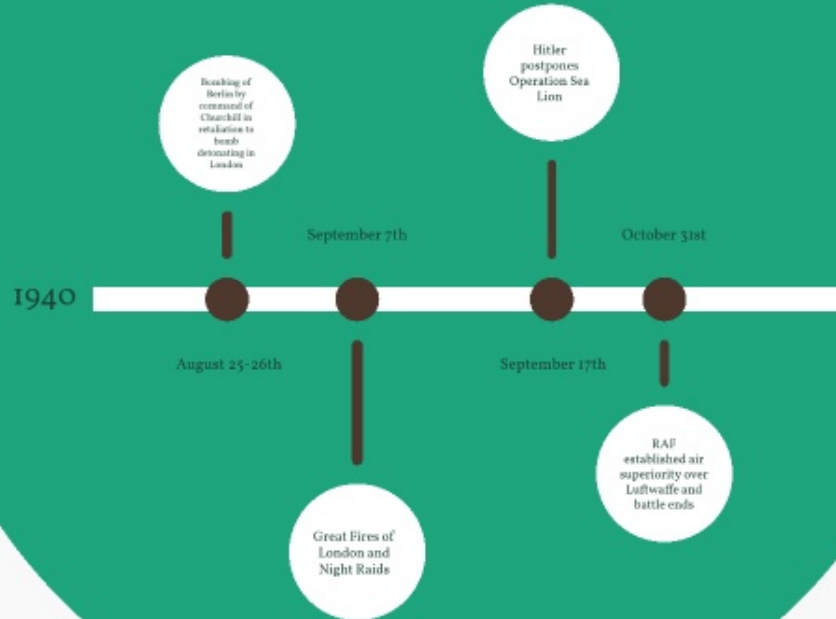






Great Fires of  
London and  
Night Raids

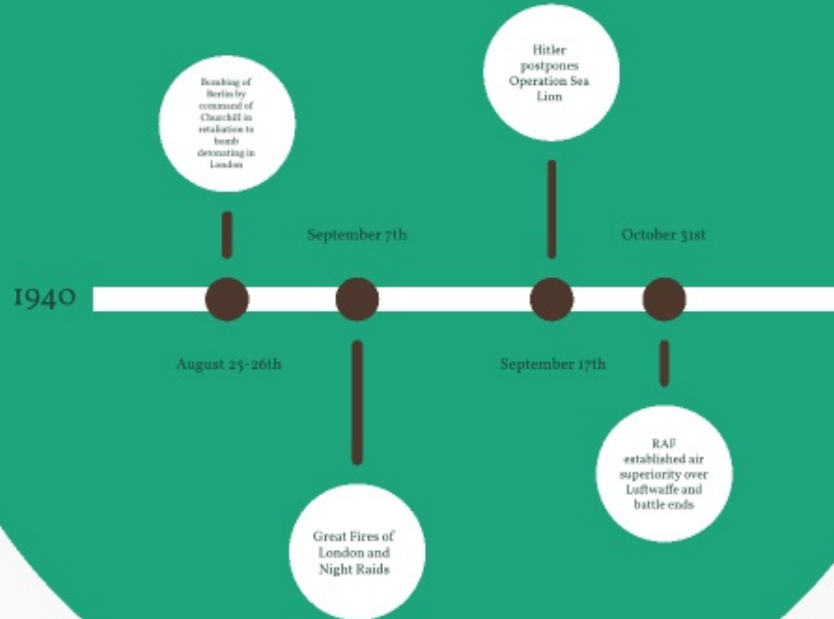
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Hitler  
postpones  
Operation Sea  
Lion

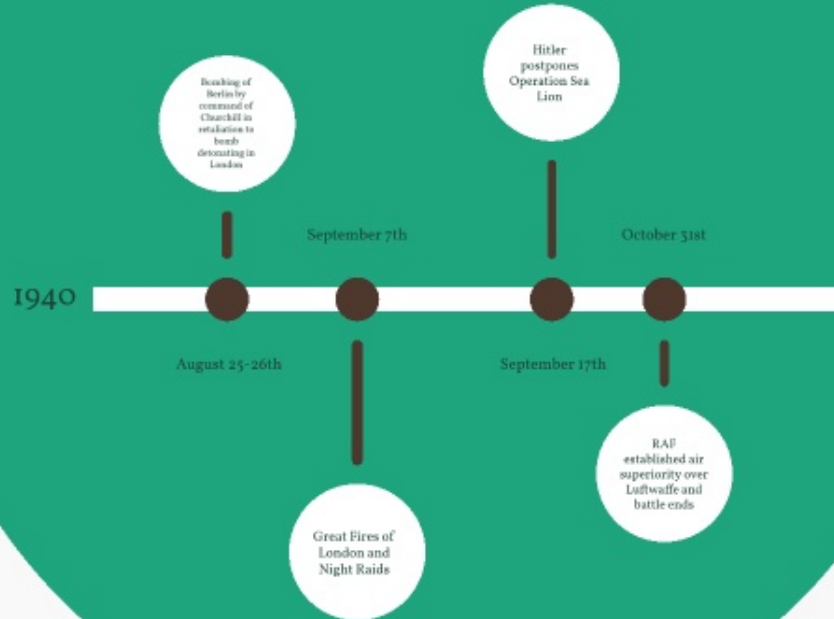
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RAF  
established air  
superiority over  
Luftwaffe and  
battle ends

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**Part Three**

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## PART ONE:

Initiating the war, **Hitler targeted an isolated Britain but was not able to implement Operation Sea Lion due to military shortcomings** coupled with Churchill's use of British nationalism, which allowed the British success in the Battle of Britain thus creating hope for the allies of the eventual defeat of Germany.

**Military Shortcomings**

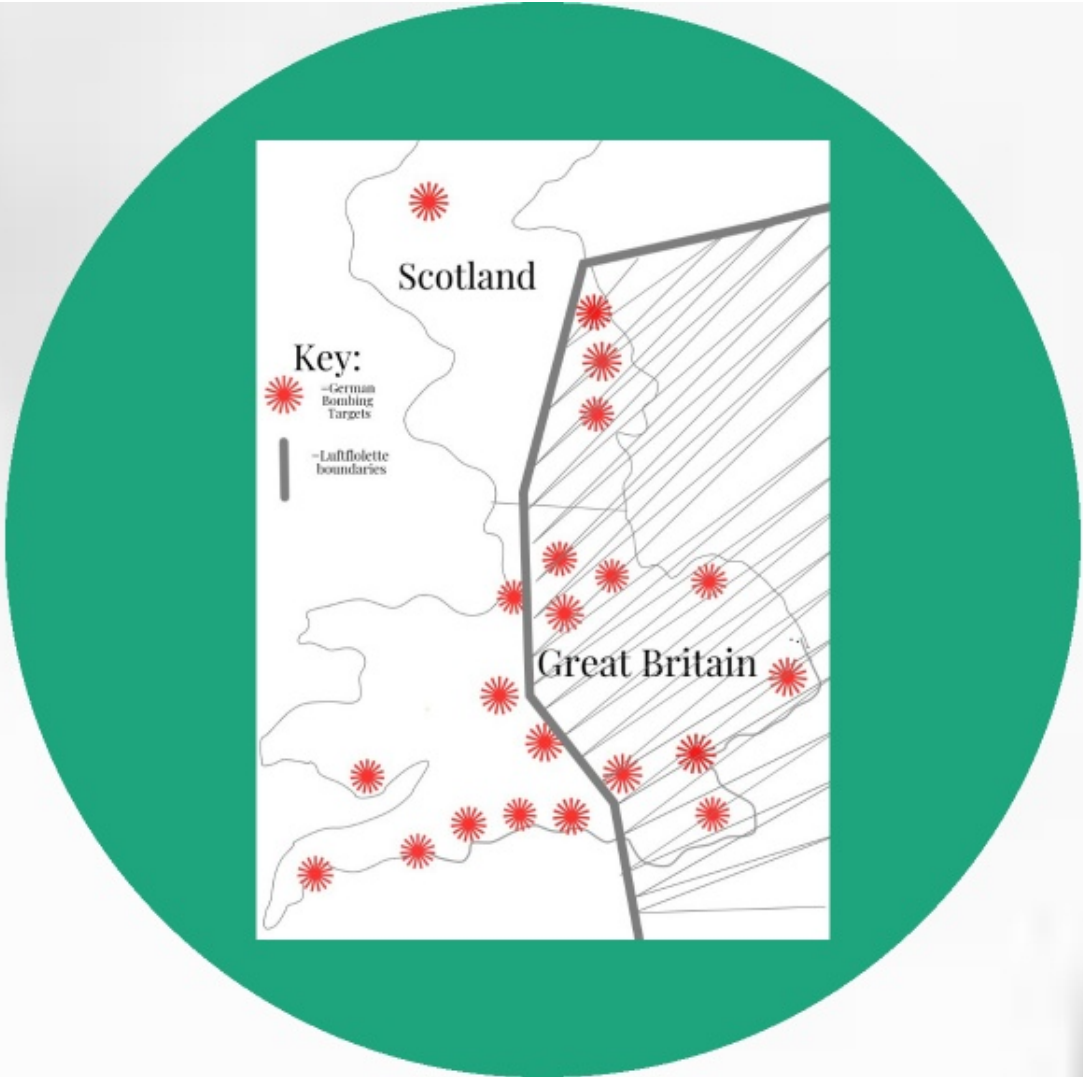
**Map 1**

**Map 2**



## **Military Shortcomings**

- Germany needed air and naval superiority
  - Kriegsmarine was poorly equipped
- Luftwaffe - Hermann Goerring
  - Aircraft is comparatively slow
- Britain's strategic framework for the Battle was different for Germany's





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**Air and  
Radar  
System**

**Nationalism**

## **Air Superiority & Radar System**

- RAF's fighter command: best integrated air defense system
  - British Supermarine Spitfire
- British radar was the best around
  - ability to spot attacks
  - communication tactic for success

## **Churchill's Nationalism**

- "The Finest Hour" Speech
  - Confirms Britain's fight w/ Germany
  - Unity
- Used nationalism and propaganda to gain support

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**Impact/  
Influence**

## Impacts

- First major defeat on Germany
  - Serious setback on infrastructure
- Crucial turning point for WWII
  - Boosted morale
- Britain's air superiority and power
- Hitler's invasions to the east

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## **Review**

On your handout, you will find several questions. Please take a minute to fill out the answers.

**Answers**

## Answers

The answer to question 1 is: **e) both a and b**

The answer to question 2 is: **d) all of the above**

The answer to question 3 is: Operation Sea Lion **was postponed** due to Germany's military shortcomings. Instead, following their original plan of Lebensraum, they planned an invasion towards the **east**.

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