THE BATTLE OF BERLIN

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Essential Question:

Assess the reasons for Germany’s defeat in the Battle of Berlin

Vocab:
Georgy Zhukov:
Battle of Berlin
Gotthard Heinrici
urban warfare
BREAK IT DOWN

- What was the Battle of Berlin
- Reasons for German defeat
- What is the most important reason for Germany’s defeat
The Battle of Berlin was the battle which signed the end of WW2 in Europe.

It was fought between April 16th and May 2nd 1945.

The German general who led this battle was Gotthard Heinrici, and the Red Army general who led this battle was Georgy Zhukov.

The Battle was fought in a urban warfare style.

The German army was outnumbered by the Soviet Army.

Soviet Army had around 1.6 million soldiers, 10,000 aircraft, and 3,300 tanks.

German Army had 600 thousand soldiers, 1,300 aircraft, and 700 tanks.

Many German soldiers were sick, starving, and wounded. Many soldiers were also too young, or too old.

Started with the Soviet attack of the river Oder near Berlin.

By April 30th the Red army was arriving in the center of Berlin, and the German Army was running out of ammunitions.

The Battle ended with the surrender of the Nazi generals and the death of Adolf Hitler.
REASONS FOR GERMAN DEFEAT

- Soviet War strategy
- Germany overstretched
- Economic superiority of the Allies
- Economic Dislocation of the Third Reich
- Superior military of the Allies
- Hitler

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Dorothea von Schwanenfluegel was a twenty-nine-year-old wife and mother living in Berlin. The radio announced that Hitler had come out of his safe bomb-proof bunker to talk with the fourteen to sixteen year old boys who had 'volunteered' for the 'honor' to be accepted into the SS and to die for their Fuhrer in the defense of Berlin. What a cruel lie! These boys did not volunteer, but had no choice, because boys who were found hiding were hanged as traitors by the SS as a warning that, 'he who was not brave enough to fight had to die.'
SIGNIFICANCE OF BATTLE OF BERLIN

- The Battle of Berlin is one of the most, if not the most important battle of WW2. This is because it signed the end of the war in Europe, due to Germany’s complete defeat of its capital.


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