



## A DREAM TAKES FLIGHT

# War in the Air

Read about the role of military aircraft during World War I and World War II. *War in the Air* includes profiles of famous ace pilots, colorful pictures of fighter planes, and a vivid description of the German aerial assault on Britain during World War II.

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The first real warplane was built by the ...
  - a. French
  - b. Japanese
  - c. Chinese
  - d. British
2. A pilot who shot down five planes was known as ...
  - a. A maverick
  - b. A goose
  - c. An ace
  - d. An iceman
3. One of the countries on the side of the Axis Powers was ...
  - a. The Soviet Union
  - b. Germany
  - c. The United Kingdom
  - d. The United States
4. The prime minister of the United Kingdom during World War II was ...
  - a. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  - b. Winston Churchill
  - c. Joseph Stalin
  - d. Margaret Thatcher
5. What is a blimp?
6. Who said "Never ... was so much owed by so many to so few"?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. World War I began in July 1914 and went on for more than four years.     | _____ 4. The biggest sea battles of World War II took place between airplanes and ships.   |
| _____ 2. World War I was the second war in which airplanes were used in fighting. | _____ 5. The German air force's symbol was a black cross outlined in red in World War II.  |
| _____ 3. London was bombed 12 times by zeppelins from 1915 to 1917.               | _____ 6. During World War II, the U.S. Navy had about 200 airships that hunted submarines. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. British.** According to section "War in the Air" on page 8, we know that "The British army built the first real warplane in 1915." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. c. An ace.** According to section "War in the Air" on page 16, we know that "And any man who shot down five planes was something special. He was known as an 'ace'." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. Germany.** According to section "Wings of World War II" on page 25, we know that "On the other side, known as the Axis Powers, the three chief nations were Germany, Italy, and Japan." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. c. Winston Churchill.** According to section "Wings of World War II" on page 33, we know that "Winston Churchill, the British prime minister, gave a speech in which he summed up their courageous deeds in these words, 'Never ... was so much owed by so many to so few'." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 35, a blimp is a "rather short, squat airship."
- 6.** According to page 33, Winston Churchill, the British prime minister, gave a speech in which he said "Never ... was so much owed by so many to so few."

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "War in the Air" on page 7, we know that "World War I began in July 1914 and went on for more than four years." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "War in the Air" on page 9, we know that "World War I was the first war in history in which airplanes were used in fighting." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "War in the Air" on page 20, we know that "From 1915 to 1917, London was bombed 12 times by zeppelins." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "Wings of World War II" on page 26, we know that "The biggest sea battles of World War II took place between airplanes and ships." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Wings of World War II" on page 30, we know that "The planes' wings and sides bore black crosses outlined in white, the symbol of the German air force." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to section "Wings of World War II" on page 35, we know that "During World War II, the U.S. Navy had about 135 airships that hunted submarines." So, the correct answer is False.