**Invasion of Normandy**

**25298**

**Course Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** This class covers the June 6, 1944, invasion of northwestern Europe and will go into detail on the planning, preparation, and course of the campaign. The D-Day invasion was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare and is considered one of the turning points of World War II.

**Course Objectives**:

* Review both Allied and German planning and preparations for the invasion of northwest Europe.
* Identify the key individuals involved in the Normandy Campaign.
* Discuss the rationale behind the D-Day operation and the alternatives avaialbe to the Allies.
* Analyze the decisions of the Allied and German leaders during the Normandy Campaign.

**Class Outline**:

Class One: The Context or Mentalities

 The background of the war

 Preparations

Class Two: The Invasion

Class Three: The Campaign and Breakout

**Recommended Reading:**

* Carlo D'Este, Decision in Normandy: The Unwritten Story of Montgomery and the Allied Campaign (1983)
* Max Hastings, Overlord, D-Day, June 6, 1944 (1984)
* John Keegan, Six Armies in Normandy: From D-Day to the Liberation of Paris (1982)
* Robin Neillands, The Battle of Normandy 1944 (2002)- Flawed book, but gives the British version unfamiliar to American audiences.
* Russell F. Weigley, Eisenhower's Lieutenants: The Campaign of France and Germany, 1944–45 (1981)
* Cornelius Ryan, The Longest Day, (1959)
* Chester Wilmot, The Struggle for Europe, (New Ed edition 1997)

