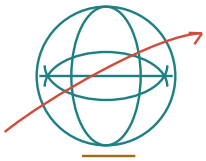
World War II & Recovery



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

Theater of war	Displaced person	Repatriation

Explain why a surrender in one theater of war did not resolve every displaced person's situation. How does repatriation raise questions beyond simply recording movement on a map?

Context for the task

World War II involved interconnected conflicts across Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. The defeat of Nazi Germany in May 1945 did not end the war against Japan. Germany's surrender documents were signed at Reims on May 7 and again in Berlin on May 8; Japan's formal surrender instrument was signed on September 2. These dates identify specific military and diplomatic developments, not a single moment when every community recovered.

2 Build the sequence.

The surrender document rail

These supplied dates concern documents and their aftermath, not the complete sequence of the war.

Arrange the records.

A. May 8, 1945: Another German surrender document is signed in Berlin.

B. September 2, 1945: Japan's formal surrender instrument is signed.

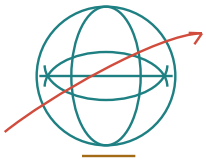
C. 1948: The United States creates a Displaced Persons Commission to administer a resettlement program.

D. May 7, 1945: Germany's surrender instrument is signed at Reims.

Sequence: _____ -> _____ -> _____ -> _____

Explain one connection between two neighboring steps.

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

Does surrender mean recovery?

A draft headline claims that surrender immediately restored ordinary life for all displaced people.

Select all evidence that challenges the headline.

A. People remained in displaced persons facilities after 1945.

B. Admission restrictions and destroyed communities complicated decisions about where to live.

C. A surrender instrument bears official signatures.

D. A military ceremony followed a formal schedule.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

The missing link in the map caption

A caption says: "Population changed after the war because the map changed." The file also identifies admission rules and people unable to return safely.

Which revision explains a mechanism?

A. Political rules and postwar conditions constrained destinations and contributed to continuing displacement.

B. A changed border proves every person moved voluntarily.

C. People's destinations can be explained without considering policy or safety.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Write a newsroom analysis that distinguishes the two military endings, then explains one relationship between postwar political decisions and population movement. Include a source that would help evaluate recovery and one limit of the supply worksheet.