The D-Day Invasion: Breaking the Atlantic Barrier

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I decided on this topic because I am very passionate about WWII, and also because the barrier being broken is actually literal, as compared to others' barriers which are emotional or based off of concepts of the human mind. This was also one of the most important military operations in the European theater, which made it a very good candidate for a topic related to breaking barriers in history. When we joined together as a group we decided to keep this topic because of my passion and because of how well it connects to the theme.

At first, the research done was guided, and I used some secondary sources like Britannica or History.com. However, after going to the Wisconsin Historical Society's Library and Archives, we used a lot more books for our research, resulting in a much larger variety of information. The books were more informative. The main portion of gathering information was done by Brady and I, while Grayson worked on putting it all on the website. However, we all pitched in with information gathering, just to make sure we all knew the content.

When our group was formed, most of us agreed we didn't want to do much talking in front of a group. So, after a long debate, we all decided that we should make a website. As for creating our website, the first thing we did was put information in. Next, after our school competition, we edited the content based on feedback, as well as adding multimedia and other visual and audio aid.

D-day required a lot of barrier-breaking, but our group focused mainly on the physical barrier. As the Allies won D-Day, they quite literally broke their opposition: the Atlantic Wall and the Germans defenses. This was a grueling process, yet achieved, and several miles of beachhead were established . Apart from that, there was a great psychological barrier and emotional barrier included in the mix, but that is not what our website is about.