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MEASURING

>   ***Q1 – How large was the area that the American Expeditionary Forces had to capture?***
> 700 – 800 square miles

>   ***Q2 – Given the size of this battlefield what do you think the the AEF need to capture it?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: a serious plan of attack, A LOT of soldiers, equipment, food, transportation, tanks, and other weapons.

>   ***Q3 – How far was the battlefield from Paris? Verdun?***
> 110 – 115 Miles from Paris; 6-8 miles from Verdun

WATERWAYS

>   ***Q4 - What do you notice about the major rivers in this region?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: There are two major rivers that seem to create the two sides of the battlefield.

>   ***Q5 – Why do you think these rivers were important to the German Army and the civilians living in this area in the area?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: They provide water, easy transportation, and food.

HILLS

>   ***Q6 - How would you describe the distribution of hills in this battle area?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: The Hills are concentrated in the lower center of the battlefield. There are A LOT of hills!

>   ***Q7   What advantages will these hills give the Germans?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: Observation areas, places to put artillery, and/or to build up fortifications and command centers.

>   ***Q8 – What challenges will the hills present the Americans?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: The Americans will need to take control of a lot of hills. They will also be at a disadvantage given how many hills the Germans have.

BOIS (Woods)

>   ***Q9 – How would you describe the distribution of the forests (bois) in the area?***
> Answers will vary. Possible answers: There are forests everywhere. There seem to be more in the south central area of the battlefield.

>   ***Q10 - How do you think this land cover and distribution of wooded areas will impact fighting in the area?*** Answers will vary. The woods will give the Germans natural camouflage, and a place to place their artillery.

RAILROADS

Q11 - *How would you describe the distribution of German railroads in this region?* Answers will vary. Possible answers: the railroad lines run in all four directions and go right through the heart of the battle field.

Q12 - *Why do you think railroads were import to the German forces and important for Americans capture?* Railroads provide a way to transport soldiers, weapons, and supplies easily.

THE GERMAN LINES

Q13 - *What do you notice about the placement of this line in relation to the battlefield? What does it appear to be defending?* The line appears to be protecting the railway junction. It crosses through lots of woods and hills.

Q14 - *How would you describe the distribution of the rest of the German lines in the area? Are they close together or far apart?* The lines run parallel to the Hindenburg line and seem to cluster to the south of the major German line.

Q15 - *Why do you think they were placed where they were?* To stop any advance towards the Hindenburg line.

TOWNS

Q16 – *How would you describe the distribution of towns in this area?* Towns are distributed throughout the battlefield. There are A LOT of towns.

Q17 - *What are some things that armies need to be aware of when fighting near or in civilian towns?* Answers will vary. Possible Answers: armies needed to be aware of the citizens living in the towns, know how to fight in the streets and in buildings, and be aware of possible German defense structures..

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Q18 - *Based on what you have seen in this interactive battle map of the Meuse-Argonne Battlefield, what did the American forces have to do to take control of this area? Write five complete sentence statements identifying and explaining the challenges and concerns the American Army had to consider and deal with in order to win control of this battlefield?* Answers will vary. Look for a strong connection and understanding of the complexity of this battlefield/terrain. The AEF and French will face and overcome incredible obstacles during this military offensive.