

Virtual Classroom

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Guide to Museum Website Research

*For teachers  
and youth group leaders.*

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## Welcome to 390th.org!

Based in Parham, England, during WWII, the 390<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (H) flew 301 combat missions against German military targets (such as war machine production factories, and railroad hubs). The bomb group was part of many missions now recognized as key to winning WWII, including D-Day. The 390th Bomb Group flew an airplane called the B-17. The B-17 was the most advanced technology of its time, and could fly higher and longer than any airplane ever built.

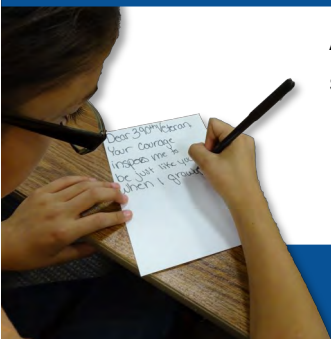
## Website Research Guide Can you find the answers to these questions?

- ◆ Where in England was the 390th Bomb Group based? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ How many missions did the 390th Bomb Group fly? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ What was the name of the 390th Bomb Group's emblem (hint: it's French). \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ What letter was on the tail of all B17s assigned to the 390th Bomb Group? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ How many bombs were loaded onto 390th airplanes in the month of March, 1945? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ How many 390th Bomb Group members lost their lives during the war? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ How many B17s were built in total? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Where was the 8th Air Force formed? \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ By 1944, the 8th Air Force reached a total strength of more than \_\_\_\_\_ men. It could dispatch more than \_\_\_\_\_ four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighter planes on a single mission.
- ◆ In total, the 8th Air Force lost over \_\_\_\_\_ men. An additional \_\_\_\_\_ men became prisoners of war. Aircraft losses were also grim: \_\_\_\_\_ planes of varying types were shot down. The 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group lost \_\_\_\_\_ of its 275 assigned aircrafts.
- ◆ What was the average age of a B-17 flier? \_\_\_\_\_

*Read the stories on the Bomber Boys web page.*

*Then, write a paragraph or short story, about what it would have felt like to fly in a B17 during WWII.*

## Classroom or Youth Group Activities



Ask students to draw a B-17, or something else that they saw on the website. Then, ask the students complete these sentences:

***The 390th Memorial Museum website taught me that...***

***Stories from the 390th Bomb Group Veterans inspire me to....***

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