

"OXI DAY"



Oxi Day has been recognised by people, politicians and media around the world as a day that contributed to changing the course of World War Two, which was fought between 1939 and 1945.

Learn more about this day by following the link <http://youtu.be/7wY-o6sjcRU> watch and listen to "The Story Of Oxi Day" clip, then and answer the questions below.



1. When is Oxi Day?

2. Who was the Greek Prime Minister at the time?

3. Who arrived at the Greek Prime Minister's place? What did he demand?

4. What was the Greek Prime Minister's response to this? Did the Greek people expect him to give this response? What words does the narrator use to suggest this?

5. How long after the Prime Minister's response did the Axis forces "descend on Greece"

6. Panagiotis M Sakellaris was a part of which Regiment during the invasion?

7. Where was Panagiotis when things started to happen?

8. What did he see around 10.00am?

9. The Axis invasion was described by the narrator as “brutal” and “sudden”. What does this mean?

10. What 2 disadvantages did the Hellenic Army have?

11. How did the Greeks shock the world?

12. What were the Axis armies forced to do?

13. Where did the Greek forces chase the Axis forces back to? How long did it take the Greeks to occupy nearly one-quarter of this territory?

14. How did news of the Greeks victory spread to the rest of the world? How would similar news be communicated today?

15. How did the rest of the world feel about Greece’s victory? Why?

16. What was the headline of the “Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette”?

17. How does Eleni Katzourakis describe the Greek people’s reaction?

18. What did Greece’s actions force Hitler to do?

19. What did this allow Russia to do?

20. What marked the “beginning of the end” for Hitler?

21. What was Greece first to do?

22. Describe the spirit of Oxi Day.

23. The table below lists 7 words that are used in the You Tube clip. Your task is to:

- a) Write a definition of each word
- b) Write the equivalent of the English word in Greek.

English Word	Definition	Greek Word
Tyranny	<hr/> <hr/>	
Occupy	<hr/> <hr/>	
Courageous	<hr/> <hr/>	
Consequential	<hr/> <hr/>	
Freedom	<hr/> <hr/>	
Invincibility	<hr/> <hr/>	
Victory	<hr/> <hr/>	

24. There were 4 quotes that were included in the visual footage. Three of these are written below. Your task is to:

- a) Briefly explain what each quote means using your own words.
- b) Write the Greek translation for the words in bold.

Winston Churchill

	Brief Explanation	Greek Translation
“Hence, we will not say that Greeks fight like heroes but that heroes fight like Greeks.”	_____	

Franklin Roosevelt

	Brief Explanation	Greek Translation
“When the entire world had lost all hope , the Greek people dared to question the invincibility of the German monster raising against it the proud spirit of freedom.”	_____	

Russian Field Marshal

	Brief Explanation	Greek Translation
“The Greek people delayed the German divisions during the time they could bring us to our knees .”	_____	

25. Complete a mind map showing 20 words in Greek that relate to and show the spirit of Oxi Day.

