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Where? Why There? The Meuse Argonne
Student Answers

MEASURING

 Q1 – How large was the area that the American Expeditionary Forces had to capture?

 Q2 – Given the size of this battlefield what do you think the the AEF need to capture it?

 Q3 – How far was the battlefield from Paris? Verdun?

WATERWAYS

 Q4 - What do you notice about the major rivers in this region?

 Q5 – Why do you think these rivers were important to the German Army and the civilians living in this area in the area?

HILLS

 Q6 - How would you describe the distribution of hills in this battle area?

 Q7   What advantages will these hills give the Germans?

 Q8 – What challenges will the hills present the Americans?

BOIS (Woods)

 Q9 – How would you describe the distribution of the forests (bois) in the area?

 Q10 - How do you think this land cover and distribution of wooded areas will impact
 fighting in the area?

RAILROADS

Q11 - How would you describe the distribution of German railroads in this region?

Q12 - Why do you think railroads were import to the German forces and important for Americans capture?

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?

Q14 - How would you describe the distribution of the rest of the German lines in the area? Are they close together or far apart?

Q15 - Why do you think they were placed where they were?

TOWNS

Q16 – How would you describe the distribution of towns in this area?

Q17 - What are some things that armies need to be aware of when fighting near or in
civilian towns?

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?