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Dominion Institute launches challenge for young 3D designers

Google SketchUp users will model site of Normandy landings at Juno Beach, 1944

April 17, 2007 – The Dominion Institute is challenging young designers from around the world to model one of the most important sites in Canadian history in Google SketchUp. Designers taking part in *Designing History* will model the site of the Normandy landings on Juno Beach for upload onto Google Earth, the virtual globe program. Designs will include infantry, landing craft, ships and topographical features related to the D-Day operations on June 6, 1944.

The winning design for *Designing History* will be announced on the anniversary of the landings at Juno Beach on June 6, 2007. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1944 and their design will be featured on the Google SketchUp and Dominion Institute websites. The competition is open to designers aged 14-25.

“The Dominion Institute is pleased to work together with Google SketchUp on this exciting challenge”, said Jeremy Diamond, Director of Programs at the Dominion Institute. “*Designing History* provides an innovative way for young people to learn about this watershed moment in Canadian history.”

Canadian soldiers played an important role in the massive D-Day operations that were a turning point in the Second World War, landing on what has been called the Canadian beach. Juno Beach is located between Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer and Courseulles-sur-Mer, France.

Contestants interested in finding out more about the challenge can visit the *Designing History* website at www.dominion.ca/dh_index.htm

The Dominion Institute is a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history and civic culture. See www.dominion.ca for more information.

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