Chapter 16, Section 1
HISTORYMAKERS

Charles de Gaulle

Possible responses:

1. The driving force in de Gaulle’s life was to maintain and expand French power and influence.

2. One of the main ironies of his life is that he inadvertently helped the Germans develop military strategy that would help them defeat France in World War II. The second irony is that he annoyed his allies of that war by keeping Britain out of the Common Market, by leaving NATO, and by criticizing American involvement in Vietnam.

3. De Gaulle was more suited to military command, because a commander can give orders that subordinates are bound to obey. The political give-and-take of a democracy was not suitable to him.