

# General Information about WW II

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ hr \_\_\_\_

- WW II lasted from \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Viewed as having: started with the German invasion of Poland; ended with the surrender of Japan.
- Caused more casualties than any other war in history
- The war saw the first use of atomic weapons (*by \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_*).
- The two sides were:

The Allies': \_\_\_\_\_.

The Axis: \_\_\_\_\_.

- Two major areas of operations/fighting:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Events leading up to WW II

- 1920s & 1930s: Rise to power of Hitler, Mussolini, etc. and re-arming of Germany.
- 1935 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1936 **Spanish Civil War**--Fascist Spanish leader Franco eventually won with German.
- 1938 Germany annexes Sudetenland (ethnically German area of Czechoslovakia) Western leaders protest but otherwise 'allow' it. Their policy was called \_\_\_\_\_



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- 1930s Japanese forces invade Manchuria, then China. Dec. 1937



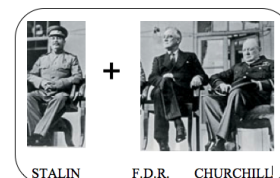
- Sept. 1939 \_\_\_\_\_ . Great Britain, France declare war, then...don't fight. This is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- 1940 (in general) Fighting in Scandinavia, June 1940 German \_\_\_\_\_ style of attack allows invasion/conquest of France, Belgium, Netherlands (British retreat from Eur.). Fighting also in North Africa.

- 1941 \_\_\_\_\_, Russia joins Allies.

- 1941 Dec. 7th, \_\_\_\_\_,

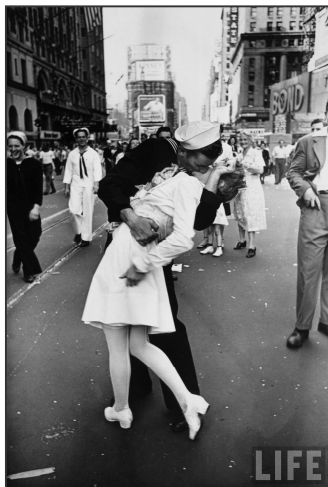
and \_\_\_\_\_ declares war on U.S., U.S. enters war in both Pacific and Atlantic.



- 1942 100,000 Japanese-Americans interned. Fighting continues \_\_\_\_\_.
- After the January 20, \_\_\_\_\_, Nazis begin use of gas chambers in death camps. This is called the \_\_\_\_\_ to what the Nazis called the ‘Jewish Problem’.
- 1943 After losing the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ begin to retreat from Russia. \_\_\_\_\_ forces advance in the Pacific, capturing islands earlier taken by the Japanese, and, in Europe, make landings in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1944 June 6<sup>th</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_: Allied forces in Europe: land on coast of/advance into France. After \_\_\_\_\_ Allies advance towards Germany: British/U.S./etc. in west, Russians from East.
- 1945 with Mussolini killed, and Hitler’s suicide, war in Europe ends. May 8<sup>th</sup>



Now named ‘Volgograd’, but formerly ‘Stalingrad’, this is where was a turning point battle in WW II. was fought.



called \_\_\_\_\_. In the Pacific, when the U.S. drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and then Nagasaki, the war in Pacific ends on \_\_\_\_\_, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**DEATH TOTALS:**

Total military and civilian, all sides: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ million (totals vary; this includes Holocaust deaths).

Military: approx. \_\_\_\_\_. Axis forces: \_\_\_\_\_ Allied forces: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Russian: \_\_\_\_\_)

Words/Phrases:

<b>D-day</b>	<b>Germans</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Battle of the Bulge</b>	<b>Stalingrad</b>
<b>Japan attacks Pearl Harbor</b>		<b>V.E.</b>	<b>Blitzkrieg</b>	<b>50 to 75</b>
<b>The Pacific/East Asia</b>		<b>Germany invades Poland</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>14.276</b>
<b>1939</b>	<b>North Africa, the Pacific, and in Russia</b>	<b>V.J.</b>	<b>6.58</b>	<b>Wannsee Conference</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Germany turns against/invades Russia</b>		<b>Germany</b>
<b>Rape of Nanking</b>		<b>1945</b>	<b>21.7 million</b>	<b>Germany</b>
<b>Europe/N. Africa</b>		<b>U.S., Great Britain, Russia, and France</b>		<b>The Phony War</b>
<b>appeasement</b>		<b>Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia</b>		<b>repudiates Versailles Treaty</b>