



WORLD WAR II : CAUSES & EVENTS

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JAPANESE AGGRESSION

- Militarists Take Control Of Japan
 - Militarists were extreme nationalists
 - Expansion into foreign countries
- Japan Invades Manchuria
- Japan Invades China
 - Capital falls 1937

EUROPEAN AGGRESSION

- Mussolini Attacks Ethiopia
 - Invasion begins 1935
 - Ethiopians are defeated
- Hitler Defies Versailles Treaty
 - March 7, 1936. Germany occupies Rhineland.
 - Axis powers are formed (Germany, Italy, Japan)
- Civil War Erupts In Spain
 - War between liberals and fascists
 - Fascists win war in 1939

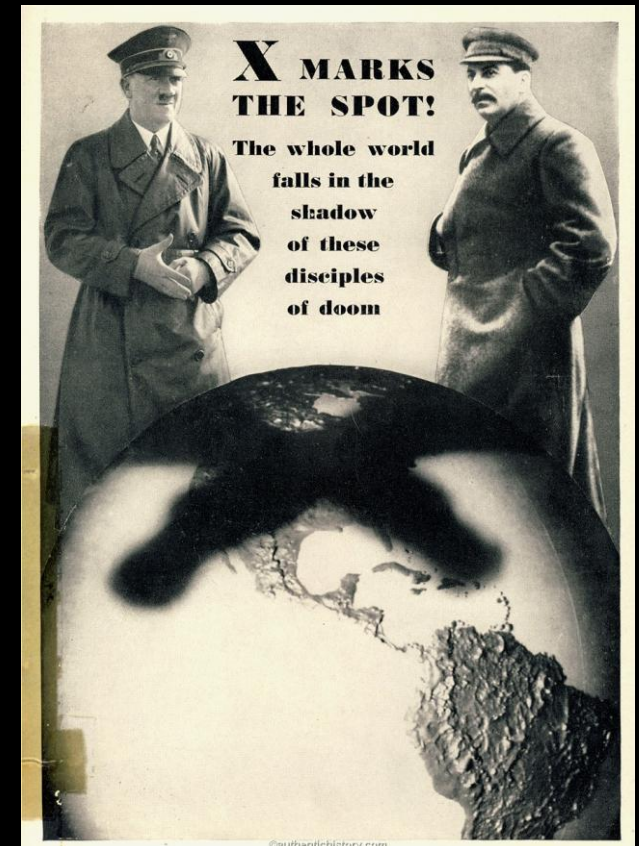


DEMOCRATIC NATIONS PURSUE PEACE

- United States Follows Isolationist Policy
- Britain And France Hope To keep Peace
 - Dealing with economic problems
 - WWI created a desire not to start another war
- Munich Conference
 - Held September 29, 1938
 - Gave Hitler Czechoslovakia in hopes of peace

HITLER CONTINUES EUROPEAN AGGRESSION AND MAKES ALLIES

- The German Reich Expands
 - March 1938, Hitler annexes Austria
 - September 1938, Czechs refuse German occupation
- Nazis And Soviets Sign Nonaggression Pact
 - Pact signed on August 23, 1939
 - Swore not to attack one another



GERMANY SPARKS WAR IN EUROPE

- Germany's Lightning Attack
 - September 1, 1939 surprise attack on Poland
 - September 3, France and Britain declare war on Germany
 - Use of new military strategy, blitzkrieg (lightning war)
 - Poland falls, Germany annexes Western half
- Soviets Make A Move
 - September 17, Soviets occupy Eastern half of Poland
 - Attack on Finland, suffer heavy losses but prevail
- The Phony War
 - French, British, and German armies mobilized along Maginot Line
 - Nothing happens
 - Calm ends, April 9, 1940 Germans attack Denmark and Norway

HITLER ATTACKS FRANCE AND BRITAIN

- Fall Of France

- May 1940, Hitler attacks Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg
- June 14, Germans take Paris
- June 22, 1940 French surrender

- Battle Of Britain

- With the fall of France, Britain stood alone
- Summer 1940, Luftwaffe (air force) began bombing run
- Continued until May 10, 1941, Hitler eventually called off attacks
- Hitler turns his attention to Mediterranean and Eastern Europe



HITLER TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO EASTERN EUROPE

- Hitler Invades The Soviet Union
 - Begins June 22, 1941
 - September 8, Leningrad under siege
 - Attack on Moscow begins October 2, 1941
 - Hitler gained nothing in the invasion
 - Many Germans died

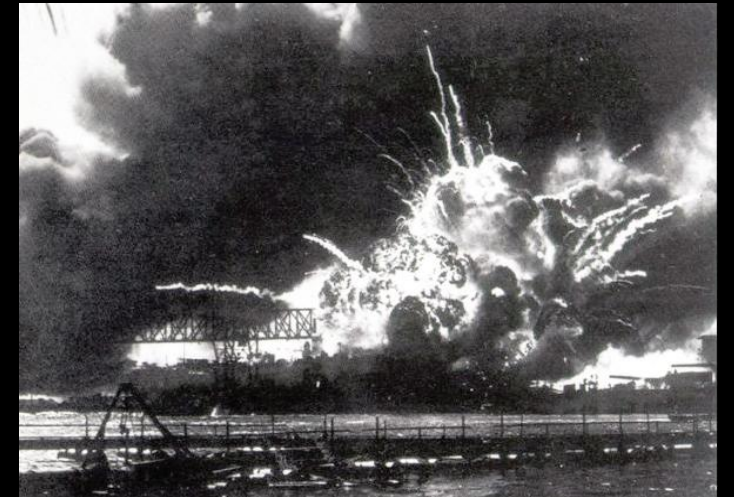


UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT

- The United States Aids Its Allies
 - Gives Britain U.S. arms
- Uneasiness With Germany
 - September 4, Germans fire on U.S. destroyer
 - Undeclared Naval war with Germany

JAPAN'S PACIFIC CAMPAIGN

- Surprise Attack On Pearl Harbor
 - Began on December 7, 1941
 - Next day U.S. declares war on Japan and its allies
- Japanese Victories
 - Guam and Wake island fell to the Japanese
 - Japanese also conquered Indonesia, Burma, Malaya, Thailand, and the Philippines.



THE ALLIES STRIKE BACK

- The Allies Turn The Tide
 - April 1942, United States bombs Tokyo
 - Allies stop Japanese westward expansion in Battle of the Coral Sea
- The Battle Of Midway
 - June 4, American forces intercept Japanese fleet
 - Battle ends June 7, 1942
 - Turns the tide of war
- An Allied Offensive
 - August 7, 1942 U.S. and Australian troops land on Guadalcanal
 - February 1943, Battle of Guadalcanal ends
 - Japanese abandon Guadalcanal

