

WORLD WAR II

(1939-1945)



Causes for World War II



UNDERLYING:

- **Treaty of Versailles**

unrealistic expectations of the Germans

- Millions in War Reparations
- Rules required a completely ineffective German military
- Lead to the creation of a very weak republican government known as The Weimar Republic
- Failure of League of Nations

- **German Nationalism**

- Germans had a lot to prove to themselves and the world
- The Conditions were ripe for a powerful dictator to rise up and re-establish German Pride!!
- A **dictator** is a ruler who gains total control of a populace and maintains it by force

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UNDERLYING:

- **Worldwide Depression**

- Germans were especially hit hard by the depression
- Massive inflation caused German “**Mark**” (money) to be nearly worthless
 - At it's height in 1924, 1 US dollar was worth 4 trillion 200 billion German Marks.



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UNDERLYING:

- **German Imperial Expansion**
 - 1938- Hitler invades Austria, and Sudetenland on Czech border
- **The policy of appeasement**
 - **Appeasement-** is the policy of giving in to enemy demands in order to avoid a conflict
 - Munich Conference (1938): British Prime Minister **Neville Chamberlain** agreed to allow Germany to maintain control of conquered land
 - Chamberlain: “Peace in our time”
 - British rearmament

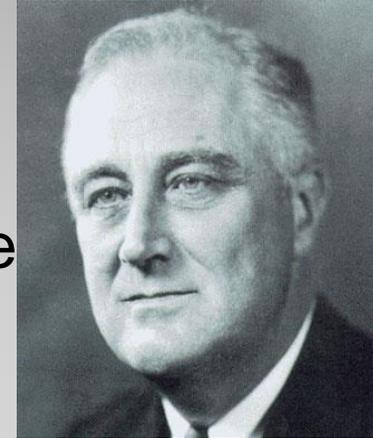


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UNDERLYING:

- **American Isolationism**

- Majority of Americans more concerned about the American economy than foreign wars
- Tried to prevent mistakes that led to WWI involvement
 - **1935: First Neutrality Act** (no sale of arms to belligerent nations)
 - 1937: Arm sales only on “**cash and carry**” basis



FDR warns of impending problems

- “Let no one imagine that we will escape...that this western hemisphere will not be attacked”
- outraged many isolationists

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DIRECT CAUSE:

- Germany invading Poland on September 1st, 1939



THE AXIS POWERS!!!

THE RISE OF FASCISM

FASCISM

- A radically nationalistic government based around a Dictator who forcibly suppresses opposition and individual freedom for the sake of stability and order.



Hitler and Nazi Germany

- **Rise to power as a result of weakness of the previous government (1933-became Chancellor)**
- **He was a Charismatic speaker, preached German nationalism, denounced Versailles Treaty**
- **Blamed Jews and communists for Germany's problems**
- **Promised return of German pride and power**



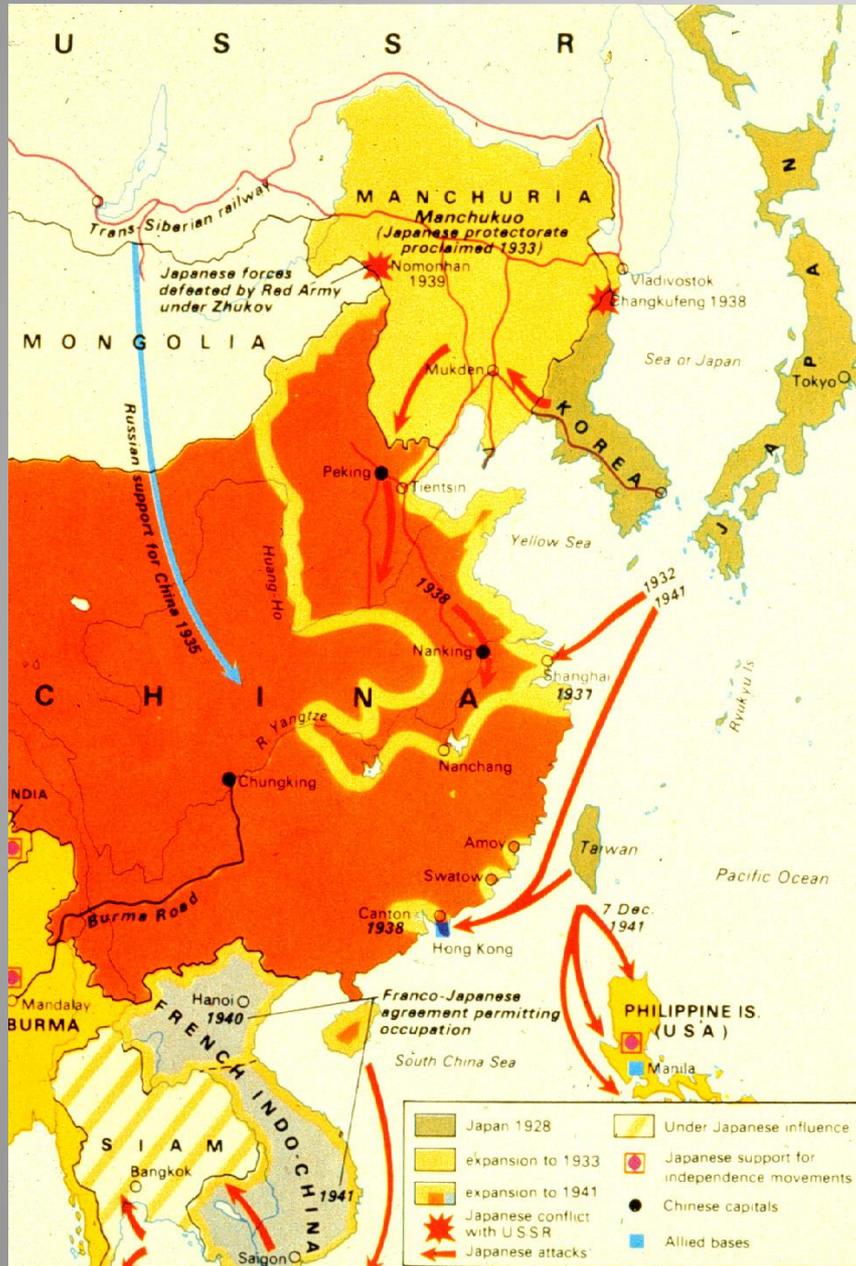
Benito Mussolini in Italy



- Fascist leader who took control of Italy in 1922
- Wanted to create another Roman Empire
- Invaded Ethiopia in 1935
- Supported Hitler's Imperialistic expansion



Japanese Expansion



Japan, under the control of the military (**Gen. Hideki Tojo**) sought total control of Pacific (resources)

1931- military occupation of Manchuria

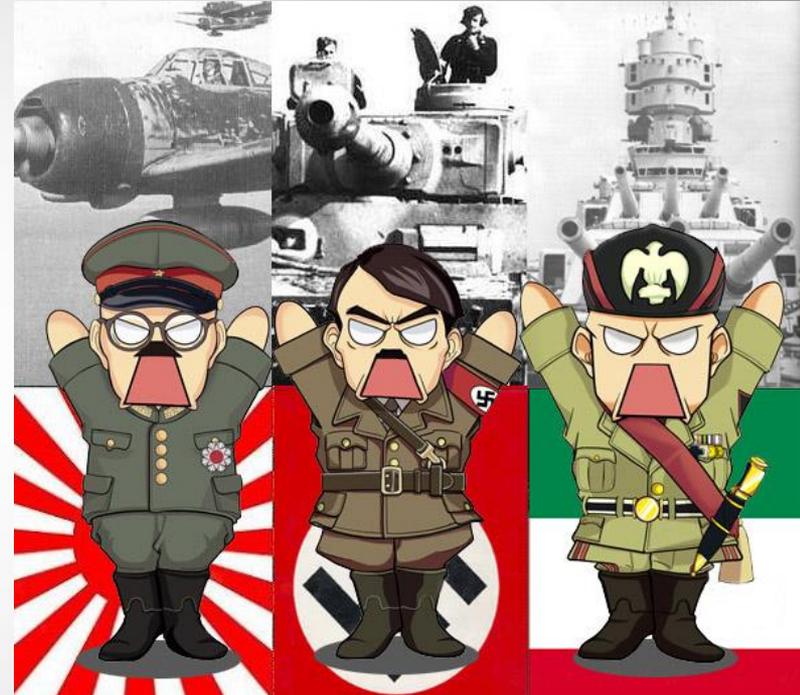
1936- Japan signs Pact with Germany, Italy

Nanking Massacre- December 1937

The Axis Alliance

Germany, Italy, Japan, and their conquered territories combined to form an Alliance known as the **Axis Powers**.

These countries united based on their fascist ideals of intolerance and superiority of their people



World War II (1939-1941)



Blitzkrieg!!!

- March 1939- Hitler breaks Munich Conference agreement, invades the rest of Czechoslovakia
- August 1939- Hitler signs **non-aggression pact** with rival USSR
- September 1, 1939- **“blitzkrieg”** (or lightning war) invasion of Poland
- Britain and France declare war on Germany September 3 1939 Marking to beginning of WWII



German “blitz” of Warsaw

Hitler's Conquest in Europe

- April 1940- Hitler seizes Norway, Denmark
- May- Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg fall
- By June, Hitler controls France and turns his attention to Great Britain
- Fall 1940- **Battle of Britain**
 - London heavily bombed but Churchill remains defiant



**British Prime Minister
Winston Churchill**

Coventry England November 1940



The United States and Britain



- 1939- Roosevelt revises **Neutrality Act**, allows for arms trade

- Public opinion divided



- Election of 1940- FDR wins 3rd term

- 1940 “**Destroyers for Bases**”: called for 50 American destroyers to be exchanged for the use of 8 British naval bases along the North Atlantic coast



- 1941 “**Lend-Lease Act**”: made it possible to lend or lease supplies to any country whose interests were vital (GB)- \$50 billion owed to U.S.



United States and Japan



Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor



- Japan was extending it's influence in the Pacific
- July 1940: U.S. embargo of raw materials to Japan
- **Embargo**: a government ban on trade
- 1941: Lend-Lease aid to China
- **December 7, 1941: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii**

Images of Pearl Harbor

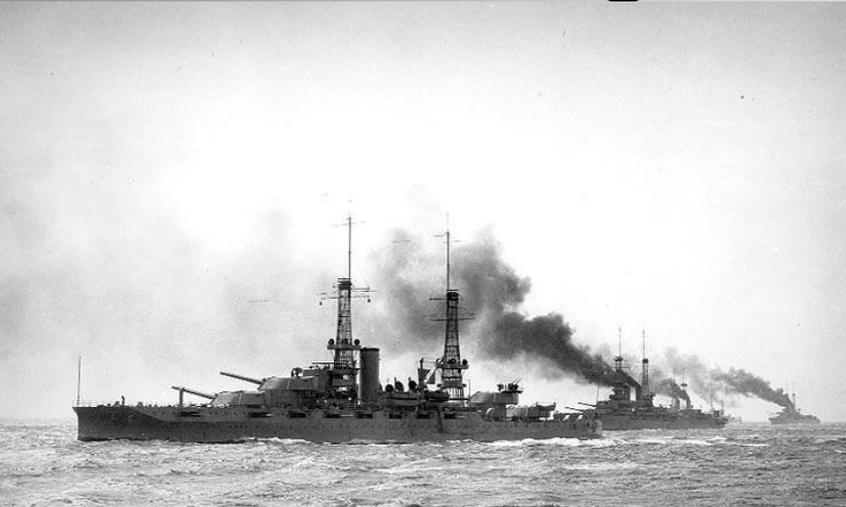
Statistics of Damage:

Casualties: 2403 killed 1178 injured

Naval Ships: 9 destroyed 14 damaged

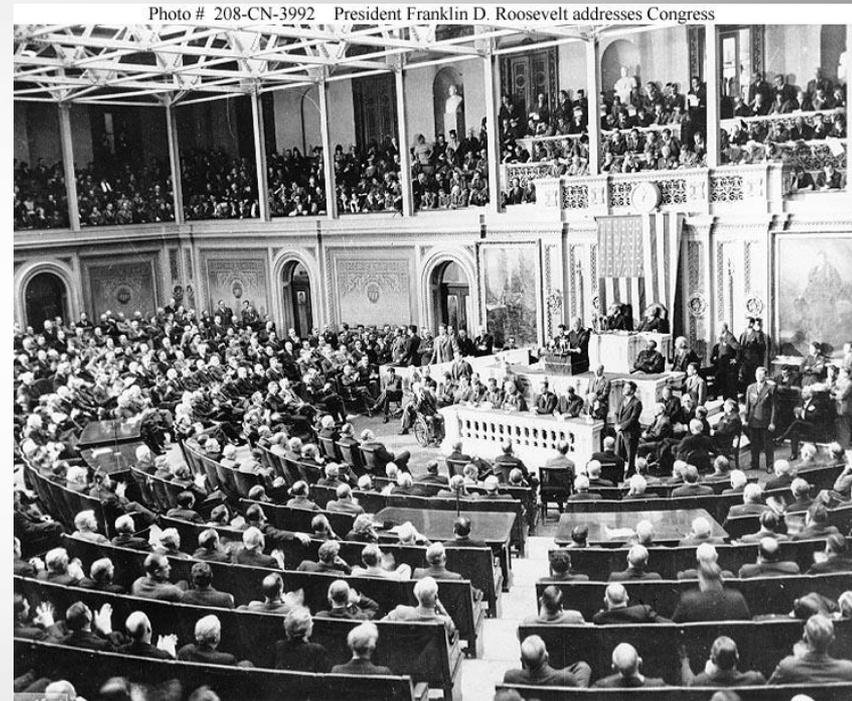
Aircraft: 188 destroyed

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America Enters War

- Pearl Harbor attack devastates nation
- FDR: “A date which will live in infamy”
- December 8, 1941- FDR receives war declaration from Congress against Japan
- Germany, Italy declare war on United States Dec. 11th



FDR addresses Congress after Pearl Harbor attack

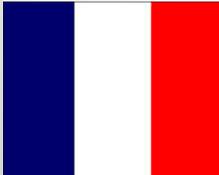
The Participants

- Allied Powers

-England 

-Soviet Union (after
German attack on
June 22, 1941)



-France 

-United States 

- Axis Powers

-Germany 

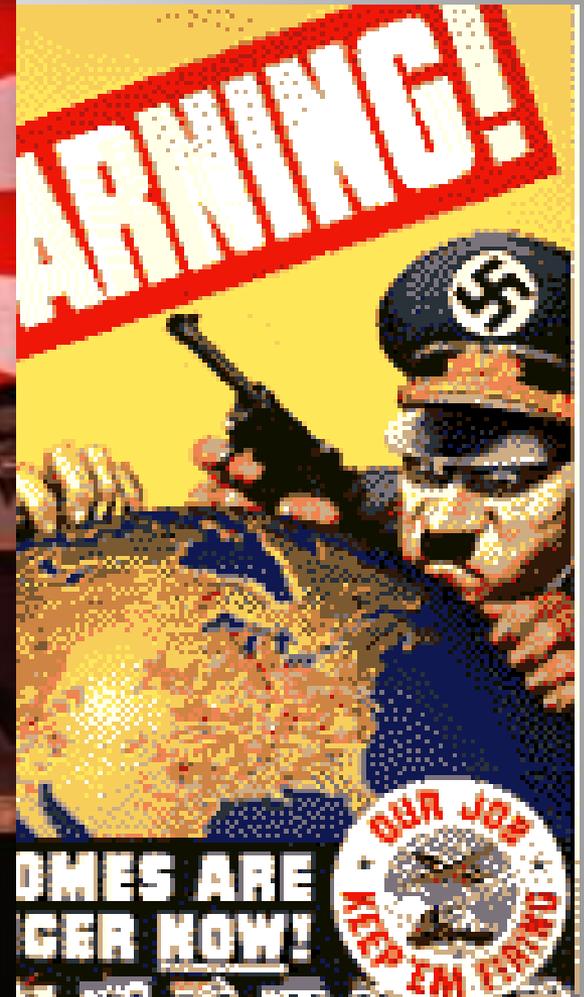
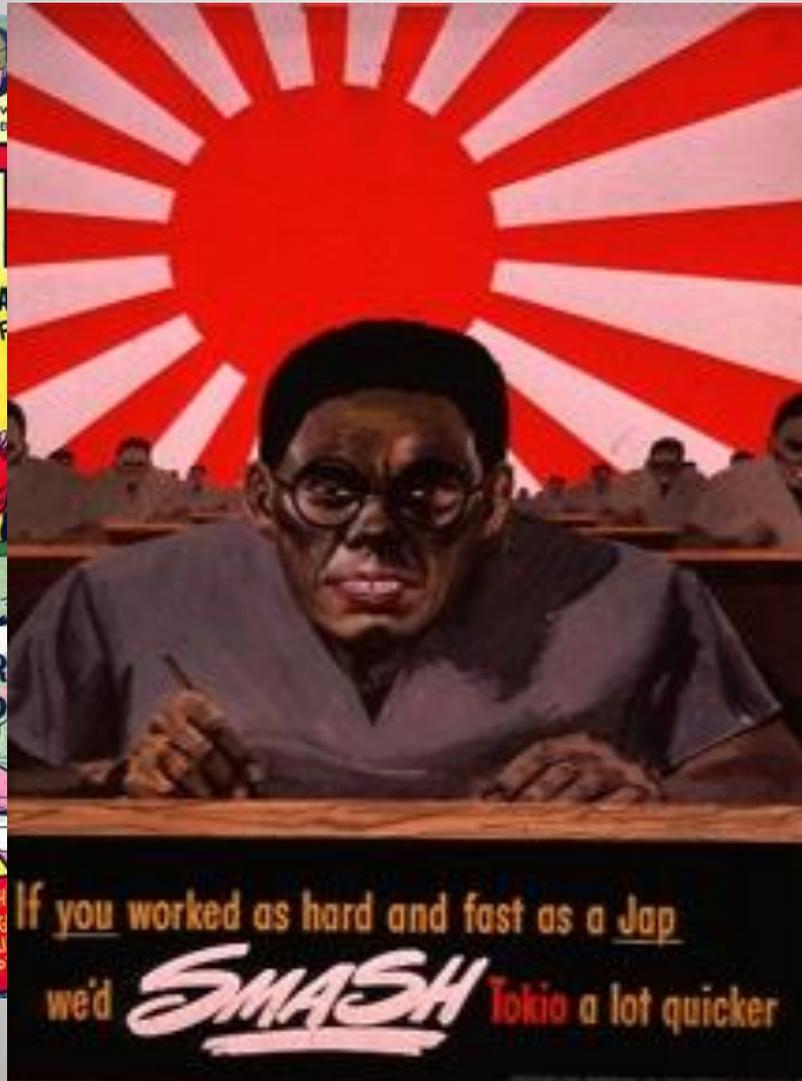
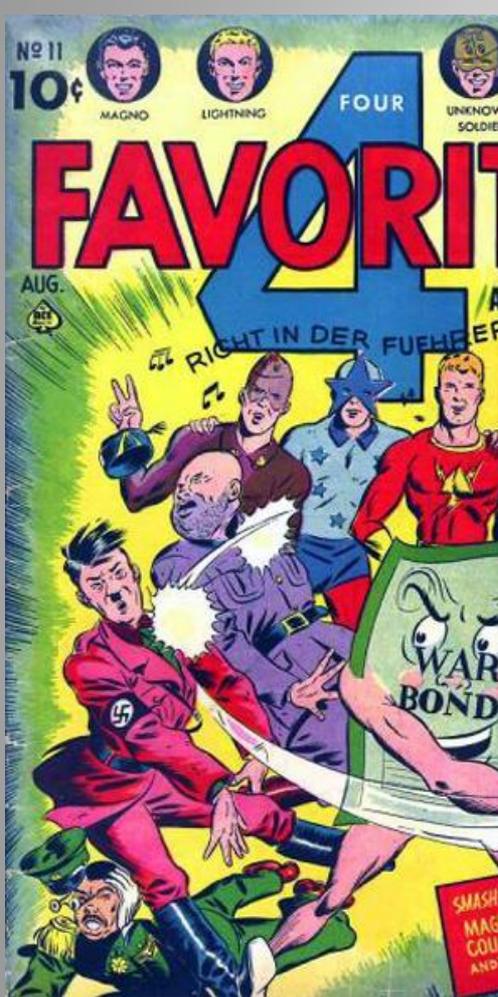
-Italy 

-Japan 

Wartime propaganda

- In 1942 FDR established the **Office of War Information (OWI)**
- The **OWI** used every form of media from print to Hollywood movie studios to influence American opinions about the war

Wartime propaganda



If you worked as hard and fast as a Jap
we'd **SMASH** Tokio a lot quicker

OMES ARE
GER NOW!



The Country Mobilizes for War

- 1940- Economic focus shifts to mobilizing the military
- Massive industrial output through the **War Production Board (WPB)**
 - Mandated the rationing of resources ie: Gas, Metal, Rubber through the **Office of Price Administration (OPA)**
 - Primary focus: tanks, planes, battleships, and guns
 - twice as productive as Germany, 5 times Japan
- Military **Conscription (the draft)**
 - 10 million men drafted



World War II- The Homefront



- American industry was key to victory
- **War bonds** (borrowed \$\$\$ from Americans) raised about \$50 billion for war effort
- Women “filling in” for men off at war
- **Victory Gardens** supplied Americans with 1/3 of their food supply

“**Rosie the Riveter**” inspired many women to contribute

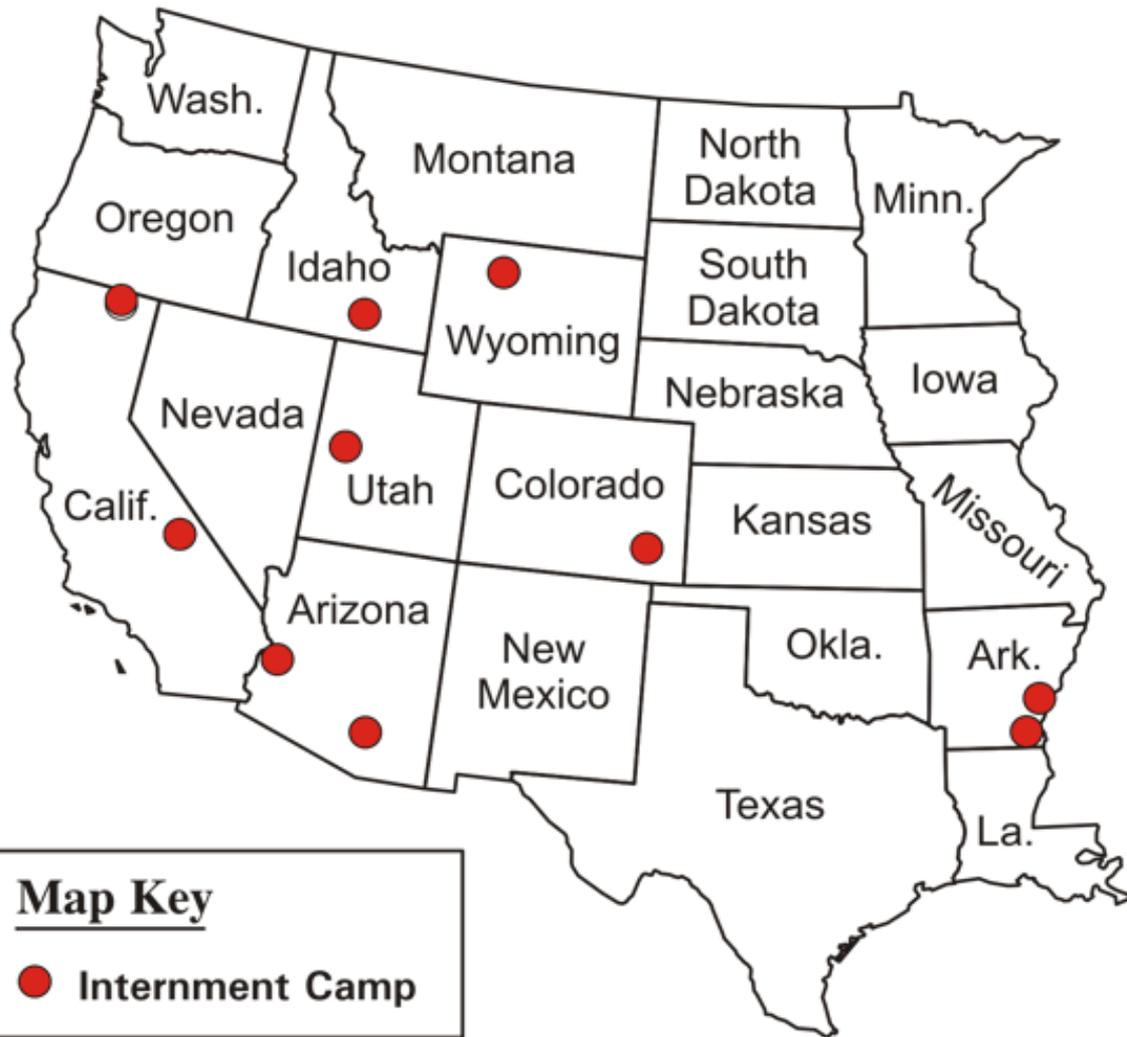
Japanese Internment

- February, 1942: FDR issues **Executive Exclusion Order 9066**
- Over 100,000 Japanese-Americans on West Coast moved to internment camps in the interior
- Japanese farms and businesses purchased far below their actual value



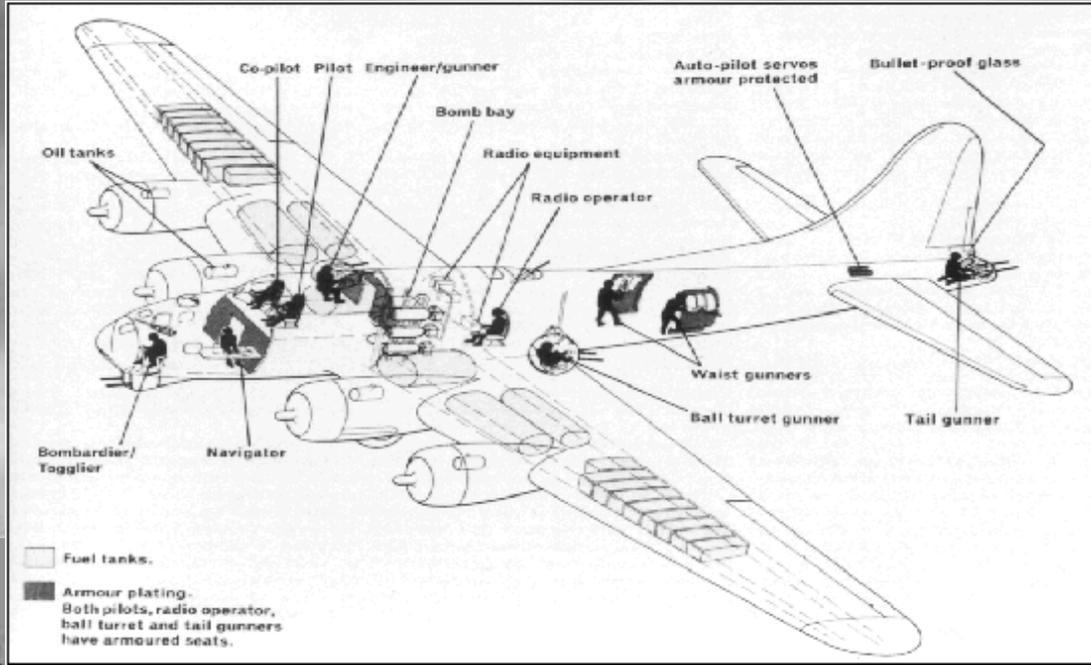
War Relocation Camps (Internment Camps)

For Japanese Americans During World War II



Total War

- Allied and Axis powers carried out a policy of Total War against each other
 - **Total War**: warfare unrestricted to who can be targeted or what weapons can be used
- Britain and U.S. air raid strategic sights in Germany
 - **Flying Fortresses**: Boeing B-17's fire bomb the City of Berlin
 - British bombers used **Saturation Bombing** to cause maximum damage to large German Cities
 - Americans used **Strategic Bombing** to take out important military facilities like factories, railways, harbors etc.



African Americans in WWII

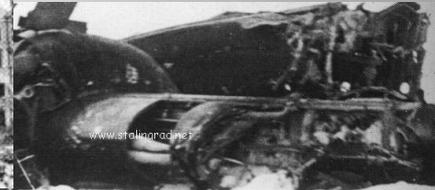
- African American's were segregated into "all black" units during WWII by law
- Patton's "**Black Panther**" Tank Battalion
 - 1st Lt. Jack Robinson
- **Tuskegee Airmen (red tails)**
- WWII effort directly led to later civil rights movement
 - July, 1948: Pres. Truman signs Executive Order integrating US military



Allied Advances in Europe (1943-1944)

- January, 1943: Allies agree to fight until they win “**unconditional surrender**”

(complete surrender with no compromises)



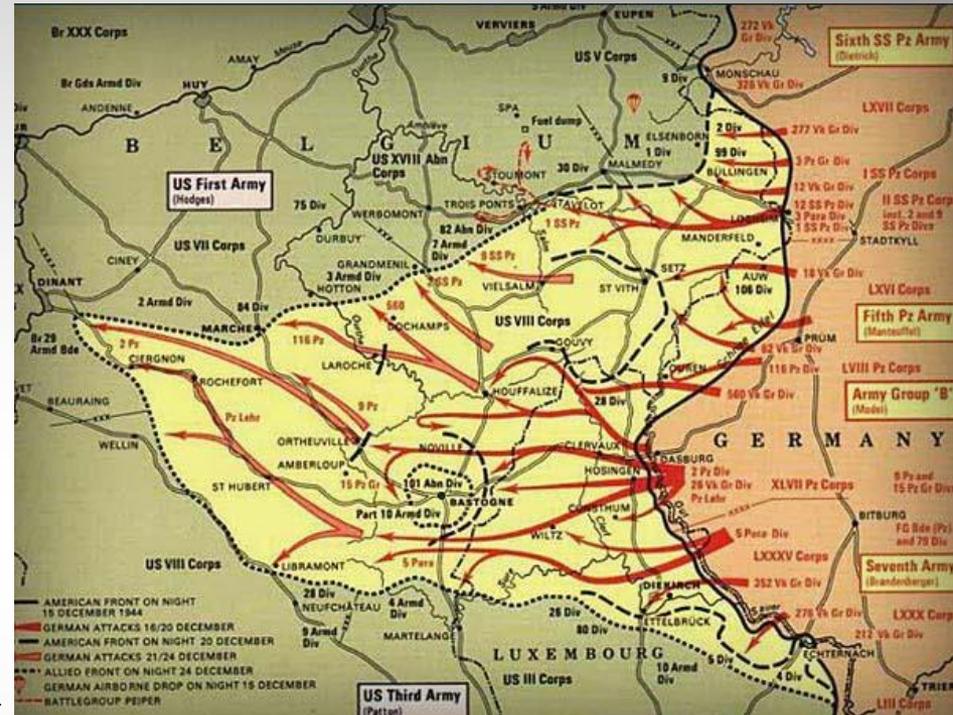
- February, 1943: Soviets gain victory over Germans at **Stalingrad**
 - Begin advancing towards Germany





Germany's Last Gasp Effort

- Hitler was caught between Allied troops coming from the West and Stalin's forces coming from the East.
- December 1944:
Battle of the Bulge
- April 25, 1945: Russia and Allied Forces meet at the Elbe River
- May 8, 1945: Germany surrenders (**V-E DAY**)



The Holocaust

- The attempted **Genocide** (or systematic destruction of an entire people) of the Jewish People by the Nazi's
- Nazi's established some 20,000 concentration camps through out Europe
- In all about 6 million Jews were killed
- Approx. 5 million others killed as well (Gypsies, Communists, Homosexuals, Political Dissidents, and Mentally Handicapped)



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Allied Military Strategy in the Pacific (1941-1945)

- By 1942, Japan had control of almost the entire Pacific East of Hawaii
- The Americans decided on an “**Active defense**” campaign to stop the spread of Japan while they focused on defeating Hitler
 - Battle of the **Coral Sea** (May, 1942)
 - Battle of **Midway** (June, 1942)
 - Battle of **Guadalcanal** (Aug. 1942-Feb. 1943)



- The Allies took control of several islands in the Pacific under the leadership of **Comanding General Douglas MacArthur**

- **The Philippines** (1944)

- **Iwo Jima** (1945)

- **Okinawa** (1945)

They used an **Island Hopping** strategy taking over some strategic islands while skipping over others.

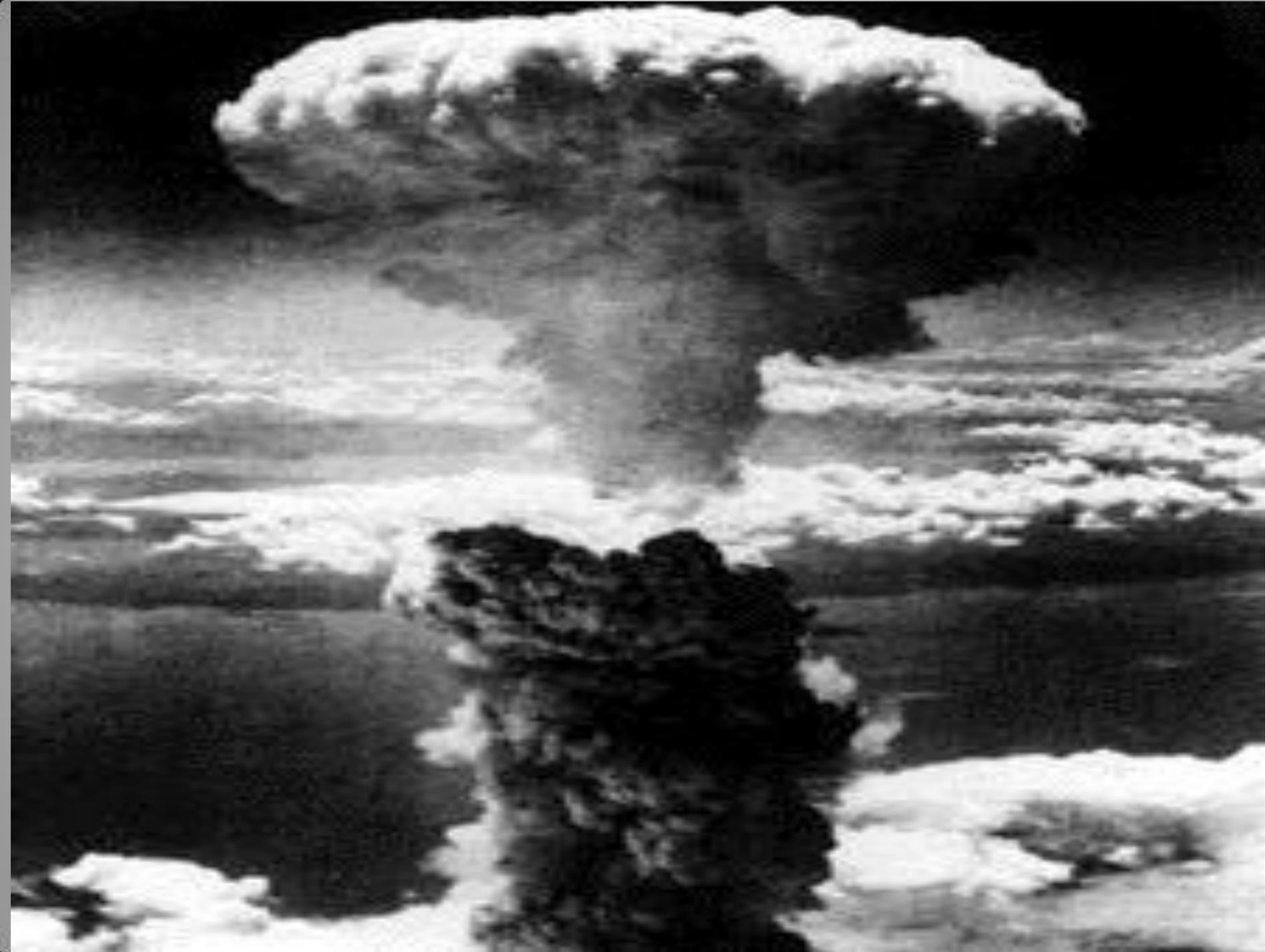


“The Alternative to Surrender is Prompt and Utter Destruction”

-Potsdam Ultimatum

- The first atomic bomb was created by the United States as part of the top secret **Manhattan Project**
- August 6, 1945: “**Little Boy**” atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima (up to 150,000 killed)
- August 9, 1945: “**Fat Man**” atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki (up to 75,000 killed)





“The War is Over”



- Japan surrenders to Allied Forces on the *U.S. Missouri* after the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki- August 15th— V-J Day

Benefits of the War

- Finally revived the American Economy
- Established a new league of nations called the **United Nations** to help ensure a lasting peace through out the world
- Massive Technological and Medical Advances
 - Radar
 - Calculating Machines (first computers)
 - Jet Engines
 - Penicillin
 - Nuclear Power
 - Space Propulsion Rockets
- Once again redrew the map of Europe and established an Independent Jewish state in Israel

After WWII



Legend for the map:

- UK and colonies
- France and colonies
- Communist Bloc
- Occupied Germany

Occupation Zones

- Soviet
- American
- British
- French

THE COSTS OF THE WAR

- U.S. suffered 400,000 military deaths
- World sustained at least 60 million deaths with soldiers and civilians combined
- Over 25 million Russians alone died
- Over 10 million people died in death camps
- New fears arose after the war— The fight to contain Communism and concerns over the use of Atomic Weapons leads to the beginning of the **COLD WAR ERA!!**

