

# World War II

Why did the U.S. get involved in WWII?

There are several reasons:

1. A rise in European dictators.

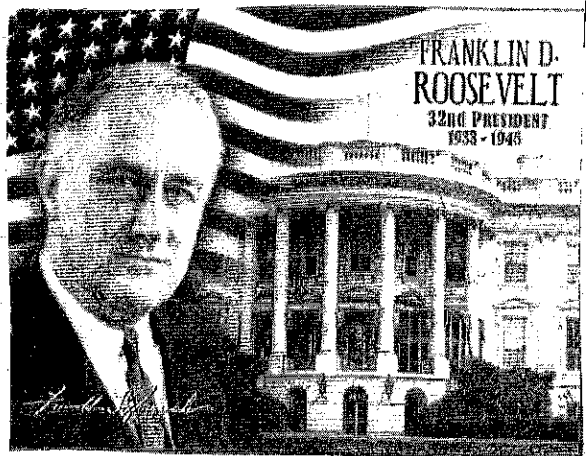
2. Germany invaded Poland. Poland did nothing to provoke Germany.

3. Japan bombed U.S. at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

## WWII Leaders



Winston Churchill  
Great Britain



Franklin D. Roosevelt  
United States of America

# WWII Leaders continued

opposed  
Hitler



Dictator

Josef Stalin  
Soviet Union (Russia)



Dictator

Benito Mussolini  
Italy



Dictator

Adolf Hitler  
Germany

Dictatorship -  
country ruled  
by one all-  
powerful person.

AXIS  
POWERS  
→ ALLY  
\* Russia, Italy,  
Germany, and  
Japan all have  
dictatorships

Hitler used military  
aggression against the rest  
of Europe to secure his goals.

Congress passed laws  
requiring President  
**Roosevelt to stay neutral.**

HOWEVER...

President Roosevelt tried  
to help the **British** leader,  
Winston Churchill, the  
leader of the free  
**French**, Charles de Gaulle,  
and the leader of  
the **Soviet Union**, Josef  
Stalin with 'supplies'.

After the Japanese  
bomb Pearl Harbor  
Hawaii, President Roosevelt  
asked Congress to **declare**  
**war on Japan.**

Germany and Italy  
then declare war on the  
U.S. to support their Japanese  
allies

Sides are drawn

Axis

Allies

\*The goal of the allies was to stop the axis and defeat them unconditionally so that they could not invade other countries again.

① Germany

② Japan

③ Italy

① United States

② Britain

③ Soviet Union

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WWII was fought on  
2 fronts

European theater

Pacific theater

- huge area of heavy fighting across Europe.

- War in Africa and Mediterranean

- Battle of Britain

- Invasion of Soviet Union

- Normandy invasion (D-day)

- between U.S.A. and Japan

- Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor

the U.S. dropped

bombs: one

on Hiroshima,

the other on

Nagasaki. This

led the Japanese

to surrender and

brought WWII to

an end.

★ Strategic Bombing

★ Island Hopping

## Island Hopping

- Plan to take back only the most important islands on the way to Japan.

## Timeline

1. Britain and France declared war on Germany
2. Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.
3. D-Day invasions were launched.
4. Germany surrendered to allies.
5. US bomber dropped bomb on Hiroshima
6. Japan surrenders.

## The Holocaust

Jews, Gypsies, and people with disabilities were put in concentration camps.



# Effects of WWII

caused advancements  
in the U.S. in

- technology
- aviation
- weaponry
- communication

## Technology

production goes up → Economy goes up → End Great Depression!

Medical technology included advancement in treating disease like the first antibiotic and penicillin.

Now people are living longer!

## Aviation

- improved bombers that can fly farther and use radar



to track enemy planes.

- By the end of the war, jets were developed. After the war, plane use grew by transporting goods and people around the world.

## Communication

- Secret communication codes developed during the war contributed to early computer systems

## Weaponry

- Atom bomb (dropped by U.S. on Japan twice, killed thousands).

## Social

- the nation came together as Americans and

## Social

were encouraged to "DO your part" in the war effort.

- Americans saved scarce (hard to come by) materials by having **Scrap metal drives** and **planting Victory Gardens**.

\* These efforts were not enough!

Americans so... had to use Ration booklets.

**Ration booklets** contained removable stamps good for rationed items.

- Everyone went to work to help win the war.

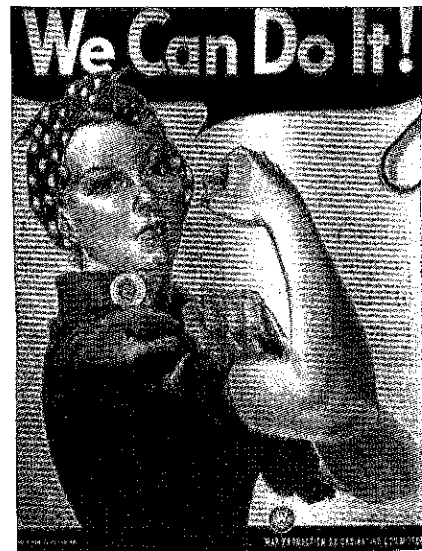
- Women began working outside the home, taking

the place of men at war.

- women faced discrimination and were expected to return home after the war.

## Icon

Rosie the Riveter became an icon. She was a form of propaganda created by the government to convince women to work.



## African Americans

African Americans demanded the right to wartime jobs so President Roosevelt ordered that they be given opportunity so... more African Americans moved North.

# Tuskegee Airmen



The U.S. Army Air Forces allowed African Americans to fly in combat as an experiment.

- It was based out of Tuskegee, AL and showed that given equal opportunity and training, African Americans perform as well as anyone.

\* So... President Truman ordered that the Army be desegregated after the war.

- African Americans proved themselves as loyal Americans and their experiences were called the **double victory campaign**.



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## Japanese

- faced the MOST discrimination

- After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japanese AMERICAN CITIZENS were moved to internment camps in the U.S. desert.

## Germany

- divided into 4 zones occupied by 4 Allied powers which joined to gether called West Germany

East Germany became Communist



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## Europe

### - Puppet Regimes

An area under control of another country.

The Soviet Union controlled eastern European countries they "freed" from Germany.

## The Holocaust

### - mass murder of Jews.

More than 12 million men, women, and children were killed. At least 6 million were JEWS.