

MAIN EVENTS OF WWII

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Sep 1931 – Feb 1932	Japan invades Manchuria
January 1933	Hitler elected Chancellor of Germany
September 1935	Nuremberg Laws
1936	German occupation of the Rhineland
November 1936	Anti-Comintern Pact (Germany, Japan)
June 1937	Japan invades Peking, China
December 1937	"The Rape of Nanking"; Japan kills 200,000 Chinese civilians
Mar-Sept 1938	"Anschluss" and the Munich Peace Agreement
May 1939	Pact of Steel (Germany, Italy)
August 1939	German-Soviet Nonaggression Pact
September 1939	Germany invades Poland; France and Great Britain declare war
November 1939	"Kristallnacht": Night of the Broken Glass (Jewish property destroyed)
May 1940	Germany invades France
May – June 1940	Battle of Dunkirk
June 1940	France Surrenders to Germany
July-Sept 1940	"Battle of Britain" German invasion of Britain fails
September 1940	Tripartite Pact (Germany, Italy, Japan)
June 1, 1941	Germany invades USSR
June 1941	Concentration Camps
December 7, 1941	Japanese attack Pearl Harbor; United States enters the war
December 1941	Japan attacks Philippine Islands
May 1942	Battle of Coral Sea
June 1942	Battle of Midway; Turning point in the Pacific Theatre
July '42 – Feb. '43	Battle of Stalingrad; Turning point on the Eastern Front
June 6, 1944	D-Day: "Operation Overlord"; Allied Invasion of Normandy
December 1944	Battle of the Bulge
Feb – Mar 1945	Battle of Iwo Jima
April 1945	FDR dies; Mussolini executed; Hitler commits suicide
May 8, 1945	V-E Day: Germany surrenders
Aug 6 & Aug 9 1945	U.S drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
August 14, 1945	V-J Day: Japan surrenders
October 1945	Creation of the United Nations (UN)
1945 – 1949	Nuremberg Trials
May 1948	Creation of Israel
April 4, 1949	North Atlantic Treaty Organization formed (NATO)

European Theatre

Pacific Theatre

Holocaust