

End of WWII

After Pearl Harbor; USA, Great Britain, and Russia meet in Moscow to decide on a war strategy



Operation Torch --

- Decided at the Second Moscow Conference that the Allies would attack North Africa and go through Italy, in order to conquer Hitler & Germany

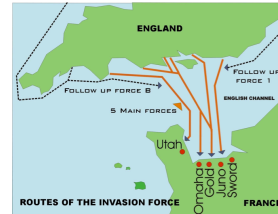
-- Decision upset Stalin because he wanted the United States and Britain to open up a second European Front to take some pressure off



D-Day Invasion -- June 6, 1944

Italian campaign stalls

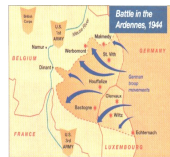
- United States and Great Britain attack France; finally open the second European Front Stalin wanted



Greatest coordinated military operation in history (air, sea, and land)

**** Most important turning point in WWII**

Hitler's Response = Battle of the Bulge



- Hitler tries to make a path to the sea...operation fails
- Soviets and Allies close in on Germany from both sides

Hitler knows its the end...commits suicide
- V-E Day May 8th 1945



War in the Pacific Ends (after Europe)

Manhattan Project -- scientific operation to develop the Atomic Bomb

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

- US warns Japan to surrender or else
- August 6, 1945 = 1st Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- August 9, 1945 = 2nd Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki



Japan is forced to surrender -- September 2, 1945

V-J Day -- WWII is officially over



Hitler's Final Solution

Anti-Semitism in Germany

Aryan Race = Hitler's belief in a "master race"

- Believed that Jews and other "non-aryan" peoples were inferior

Final Solution = Hitler's program of **GENOCIDE**

- GENOCIDE = systematic killing of an entire group of people

Anti-Semitism in Germany

Anti-Semitism = hatred towards the Jewish People

- 1935 = Nuremberg Laws

- Jews could not be public officials
- Jews had to be "identified" = wear *star of david* on their clothing
- German Jews are no longer citizens

The Nuremberg Laws

1. German Citizenship	2. Marriage Prohibition
3. Prohibition of Intermarriage	4. Prohibition of Sexual Relations
5. Prohibition of Employment in Public Offices	6. Prohibition of Employment in Schools
7. Prohibition of Employment in the Press	8. Prohibition of Employment in the Judiciary
9. Prohibition of Employment in the Administration	10. Prohibition of Employment in the Police
11. Prohibition of Employment in the Army	12. Prohibition of Employment in the Navy
13. Prohibition of Employment in the Air Force	14. Prohibition of Employment in the Reichstag
15. Prohibition of Employment in the Reichsrat	16. Prohibition of Employment in the Reich Court
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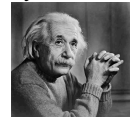
Kristallnacht = "night of broken glass"

- November 9, 1938 = Jewish homes, synagogues, and businesses were attacked by NAZI Party members

The New York Times.

1000 NAZIS SMASH, LOOT AND BURN JEWISH SHOPS AND TEMPLES UNTIL GOEBBELS CALLS HALT

All Vienna's Synagogues Attacked; Thousands Arrested for Protest at Ghetto



Some Jews left after Kristallnacht.... many didn't get out in time

Isolating the Jews

- Hitler ordered Jews in all countries under his control to be moved to cities in Poland

- **Ghettos** = segregated areas in Polish cities, where Jews were forced to live

- Guarded by NAZI military
- Fenced in with barbed wire and walls
- Prevented Jews from leaving



Groups targeted by Hitler and the NAZI's:

- Jews
- Homosexuals
- Gypsies
- Handicapped
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Blacks



Sent to "Concentration Camps"





Country or territory	Estimated Pre-War Jewish population	Estimated Jewish population annihilated	Percent killed
Poland	3,300,000	3,000,000	90
Baltic countries	253,000	228,000	90
Germany & Austria	240,000	210,000	90
Bohemia & Moravia	90,000	80,000	89
Slovakia	90,000	75,000	83
Greece	70,000	54,000	77
The Netherlands	140,000	105,000	75
Hungary	650,000	450,000	70
Belorussian SSR	375,000	245,000	65
Ukrainian SSR	1,500,000	900,000	60
Belgium	65,000	40,000	60
Yugoslavia	43,000	26,000	60
Romania	600,000	300,000	50
Norway	1,800	900	50
France	350,000	90,000	26
Bulgaria	64,000	14,000	22
Italy	40,000	8,000	20
Luxembourg	5,000	1,000	20
Russian SFSR	975,000	107,000	11
Denmark	8,000	?	?
Finland	2,000	?	?
Total	8,861,800	5,933,900	67

Nuremberg Trials (1945 - 1946)

- NAZI leaders were put on trial by the newly formed United Nations
 - Only the top officers were charged with *'crimes against humanity'*
- 19 NAZI officers were either executed or sent to prison
 - This establishes the idea that **during wartime, leaders can be responsible for their actions**



**** The conclusion of the Nuremberg Trials laid the foundation for the UN's Declaration of Human Rights**

"Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war, or persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds in execution of or in connection with any crime within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, whether or not in violation of the domestic law of the country where perpetrated".

Tokyo Trials

- Japanese leaders were put on trial for three reasons:

- 1) Crimes against peace
- 2) War Crimes
- 3) Crimes against humanity



- The first reason why the Japanese were put on trial dealt with their aggression towards China before WWII, and Pearl Harbor

- The second and third reasons dealt with their actions during the *Rape of Nanking* & *Bataan Death March*

** This was not a United Nations sponsored trial, this was organized by the IMTFE (International Military Tribunal for the Far East)

