

# WORLD WAR II

## A Timeline of World War II

**WWII Timeline**  
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THEN CAME THE JAPANESE INVASION OF MANCHURIA.



### September 1931 JAPAN INVADES MANCHURIA

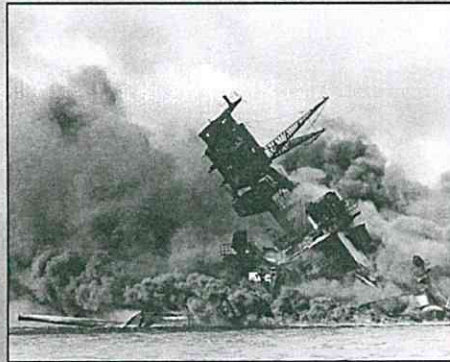
League of Nations protested. Japan ignored the protests and withdrew from the League

### November 9 KRISTALLNACHT

Nazi's torch synagogues, vandalize homes and businesses of Jews - kill close to 100 Jews

### August 23 NON AGGRESSION PACT

signed between German and USSR



### December 7 JAPAN BOMBS PEARL HARBOR

As a result, the United States joins the war

### June 22 FRANCE SURRENDERS TO GERMANY

### June BATTLE OF MIDWAY

U.S defeats Japan at Midway Islands, turning the tide in the Pacific.



### June 6 D-DAY

Secret Operation Overlord begins. Allied invasion of Western Europe - Normandy, France. France would be liberated 3 months later

### December 16 BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Last big German offensive in the west.



### May 9 V-E DAY

Germany surrenders. Allied victory in Europe

1930

1931

1935

1938

1939

1940

1941

1942

1944

1945

1946

**October 1935  
Italy Invades  
Ethiopia**  
Ethiopia protests to the League of Nations. The League does nothing



### September 1, 1939 HITLER INVADES POLAND

This marks the beginning of World War II

**July 10  
BATTLE OF  
BRITAIN**  
Hitler begins bombing Britain in his quest to conquer the country. Britain never surrenders and after more than a year Hitler gives up.

**January 20  
FINAL SOLUTION**  
Germans meet to discuss the 'Final solution of the Jewish Question'. The 'Final solution' was a code name for the murder of all the Jews of Europe.

**August 23  
BATTLE OF  
STALINGRAD**  
Germany attacks the city of Stalingrad. Five months later, Germany surrenders



**August  
ATOMIC BOMBS**  
dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

**September 2  
V-J DAY**  
Japan surrenders. American victory over Japan.





Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

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Analyze the timeline on the back to answer the following questions.

1. What happened earlier? A) *Battle of the Stalingrad* B) *Battle of Midway*
2. What year was the Non Aggression Pact signed? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the span (number of years shown) on this timeline? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What event happened September 1st, 1939? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is the above date significant? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What three events happened in 1942? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What country did Italy invade in 1935? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many months long was the *Battle of Stalingrad*? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did the United States join World War II? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How effective was the League of Nations in preventing war? \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Why? Cite evidence from timeline. \_\_\_\_\_
11. How long did it take from the attack on Pearl Harbor for the U.S. move from a defensive position to an offensive position? \_\_\_\_\_
12. When was the last German offensive on the western front? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How many years was WWII, from the from the invasion of Poland to the surrender of Japan? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the significance of the attack on Pearl Harbor? \_\_\_\_\_

### Matching

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|--|------------------------|
| ___ 15. <i>Operation Overlord</i>                      | a. Final Solution      |
| ___ 16. code name for the murder of all Jews in Europe | b. World War II begins |
| ___ 17. Hitler's goal to invade Great Britain          | c. non aggression pact |
| ___ 18. September 1, 1939                              | d. VE-Day              |
| ___ 19. Germany surrenders                             | e. D-Day               |
| ___ 20. USSR and Germany truce                         | f. Battle of Britain   |



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