

# World War Two

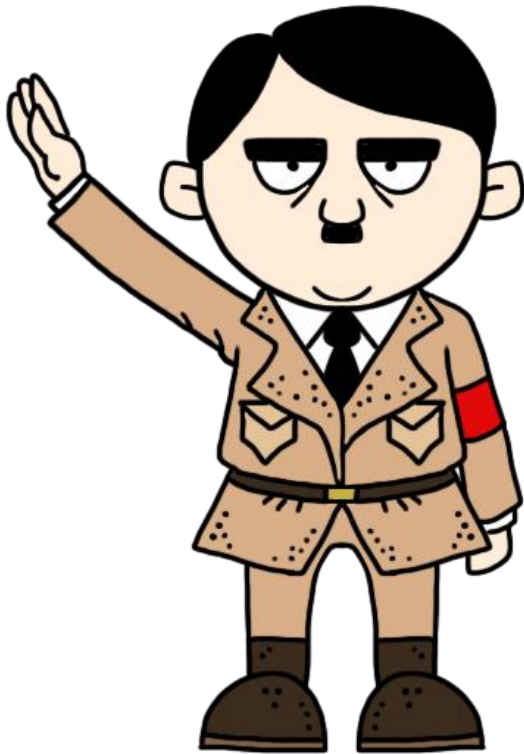
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# World War II- Leaders

# Adolf Hitler

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- Leader of the Nazi Party
- Becomes "Führer and Reich Chancellor" of Germany in 1934
- Leads Germany into war in 1939
- Responsible for the extermination of Jews during the war
- Commits suicide before being captured near the end of the war

# Winston Churchill

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- Succeeded Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister of Britain in May 1940
- Gathered together countries, known as the Allies, to fight against Germany
- Inspired the Allies to keep fighting despite difficult circumstances
- Planned D-Day landings in co-operation with US forces

# Franklin D. Roosevelt

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- Known as FDR, Roosevelt was the US President at the outbreak of the war
- After the Pearl Harbour attacks in December 1941, Roosevelt brought the US into the war on the side of the Allies
- He worked with his military advisors to devise a strategy to defeat the Axis Powers
- He died in April 1945, just before the end of the war

# Harry Truman

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- Truman became Roosevelt's Vice-President after the 1944 election
- After just 82 days as Vice-President, Truman was sworn in as President on April 12th 1945, after the death of Roosevelt
- He presided over the end of WWII and was responsible for the decision to drop the atomic bombs on Japan

# Emperor Hirohito

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- Hirohito was Japan's longest running emperor, reigning from 1926-1989
- Hirohito was said to be unenthusiastic about Japan's involvement in the war
- Following the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he announced the unconditional surrender of Japan in September 1945

# Benito Mussolini

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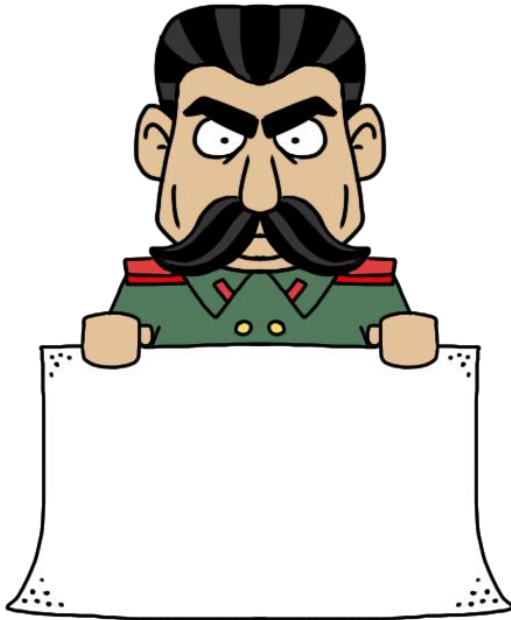


- Founded the Fascist Party in Italy in 1919
- By 1925, he had made himself dictator, taking the title "Il Duce"
- Aligned Italy with the Axis Powers at the outbreak of war
- Forced to resign in July 1943
- He was executed in April 1945



# Josef Stalin

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- Leader of the Communist Party and of the Soviet Union at the outbreak of war
- Signed a "non-aggression pact" with Hitler in 1939
- He was taken by surprise when Germany attacked the Soviet Union in 1941
- Supported the Allies to eventually defeat Germany

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