

World War Two

1939 -
1945

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World War II- Timeline

July 29th, 1921

World War Two

Adolf Hitler is
introduced as Fuhrer
of the Nazi Party.

1

January 30th, 1933

World War Two

Adolf Hitler is
appointed Chancellor
of Germany.

2

February, 1933

World War Two

Freedom of Speech is
suspended by the
Nazis.

3

March, 1933

World War Two

Dachau, the main
Concentration Camp
for political prisoners,
is built.

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July 14th, 1933

World War Two

Hitler bans all political parties except for the Nazi Party.

5

August 2nd, 1934

World War Two

Hitler combines the offices of Chancellor and President and becomes "Führer and Reich Chancellor", abolishing the position of President.

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March 7th, 1936

World War Two

The Germans march into the Rhineland (a demilitarised zone on the border of France) and occupy it.

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March 12th, 1938

World War Two

The Germans invade and annexe Austria, an event known as the "Anschluss".

8

November 9/10th, 1938

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“Kristallnacht” – (Night of Broken Glass) Jewish businesses and synagogues are destroyed in Germany and Austria by gangs of Nazis.

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March 15th, 1939

World War Two

Germany invades and
occupies
Czechoslovakia.

10

August, 1939

World War Two

Hitler and Stalin sign a non-aggression pact which included secret clauses for the division of Poland.

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September 1st, 1939

World War Two

German army invades
Poland, an act of
aggression which
instigates the start of the
war.

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September 3rd, 1939

World War Two

British Prime Minister
Neville Chamberlain
declares that Britain is
at war with Germany.

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September 1939 – May 1940

The months following Britain's declaration of war are referred to as the "Phoney War" because Britain saw no military action.

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April, 1940

World War Two

Germany invades and
conquers Denmark,
the Netherlands,
Belgium and Norway.

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May 13th, 1940

World War Two

Neville Chamberlain resigns
as Prime Minister and
Winston Churchill becomes
the new head of the wartime
coalition government.

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May 26th, 1940

World War Two

British troops are rescued
from the beaches of
Dunkirk (Operation Dynamo)
by a fleet of non-military
vessels.

17

June 11th, 1940

World War Two

Mussolini leads Italy
into the war on the
side of the Axis
Powers.

18

June 22nd, 1940

World War Two

France signs an
armistice with
Germany leading to
German occupation.

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September 7th 1940 – May 11th 1941

Germany attacks
Britain in a series of
night bombings known
as the "Blitz".

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July 10th 1940 – October 31st 1940

Battle of Britain takes
place in the skies over
Britain between the
Luftwaffe and the RAF.

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September 22nd, 1940

World War Two

Germany, Italy and
Japan sign a Tripartite
Pact.

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June 22nd, 1941

World War Two

Germany invades the
Soviet Union
(Operation
Barbarossa).

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December 7th, 1941

World War Two

Japan attacks the US naval fleet at Pearl Harbour prompting the USA to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

24

December 8th, 1941

World War Two

Britain and the US
declare war on Japan.

25

December 11th, 1941

World War Two

Germany declares war
on the USA.

26

June, 1942

World War Two

The USA defeats the
Japanese navy in the
Battle of Midway.

27

November, 1942

World War Two

The Soviet Union
defeats the Germans
in the Battle of
Stalingrad.

28

September 3rd, 1943

World War Two

Italy surrenders and
agrees to join the
Allied side.

29

June 6th, 1944

World War Two

D-Day landings in Normandy. The Allies send thousands of planes, ships and troops to attack the German army.

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August 25th, 1944

World War Two

Allied forces liberate
Paris from the
Germans.

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September 4th, 1944

World War Two

Allied troops enter
Brussels.

32

December, 1944

World War Two

German forces are
defeated in the Battle
of the Bulge.

33

April 12th, 1945

World War Two

US President Franklin
D. Roosevelt dies.
Harry Truman is sworn
in as President to
replace him.

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April 30th, 1945

World War Two

Hitler commits suicide
in an air-raid shelter in
Berlin.

35

April, 1945

World War Two

Russian army reaches
Berlin shortly before
US forces.

36

May 8th, 1945

World War Two

The war in Europe ends with the surrender of the German army. This became known as VE Day.

37

August 6th, 1945

World War Two

The first atomic bomb is dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. 100,000 Japanese are killed.

38

August 9th, 1945

World War Two

A second atomic bomb is dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. 40,000 Japanese are killed.

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September 2nd, 1945

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The Japanese army
surrenders, finally
marking the end of
World War Two.

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