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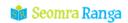


World War II-Timeline

July 29th, 1921

World War Two

Adolf Hitler is introduced as Fuhrer of the Nazi Party.



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January 30th, 1933

World War Two

Adolf Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany.

February, 1933

World War Two

Freedom of Speech is suspended by the Nazis.

March, 1933

World War Two

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

July 14th, 1933

World War Two

Hitler bans all political parties except for the Nazi Party.

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

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".

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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

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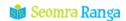
Germany invades and occupies Czechoslovakia.

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August, 1939

World War Two

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



September 1st, 1939

World War Two

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

September 3rd, 1939

World War Two

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

World War Two

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.

April, 1940

World War Two

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

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.

Ine 11th, 1940

World War Two

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

June 22nd, 1940

World War Two

France signs an armistice with Germany leading to German occupation.

World War Two

September 7th 1940 - May 11th 1941

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

World War Two

July 10th 1940 — October 31st 1940

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



September 22nd, 1940

World War Two

Germany, Italy and Japan sign a Tripartite Pact.

June 22nd, 1941

World War Two

Germany invades the Soviet Union (Operation Barbarossa).

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

December 8th, 1941

World War Two

Britain and the US declare war on Japan.

December 11th, 1941

World War Two

Germany declares war on the USA.

June, 1942

World War Two

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

November, 1942

World War Two

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

September 3rd, 1943

World War Two

Italy surrenders and agrees to join the Allied side.

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.

August 25th, 1944

World War Two

Allied forces liberate Paris from the Germans.

September 4th, 1944

World War Two

Allied troops enter Brussels.

December, 1944

World War Two

German forces are defeated in the Battle of the Bulge.

April 12th, 1945

World War Two

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

April 30th, 1945

World War Two

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

April, 1945

World War Two

Russian army reaches Berlin shortly before US forces.

May 8th, 1945

World War Two

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

August 6th, 1945

World War Two

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

August 9th, 1945

World War Two

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

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

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