

# World War II Events

- 1939      USSR invades Finland
- 1940      November – Germany invades Denmark, Norway  
May – Germany invades Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands  
June – France Surrenders  
September – Germany, Italy, **Japan join as Axis;**  
                  **Japan invades French Indochina**  
October – Italian troops invade Greece  
November – Hungary and Romania join Axis
- 1941      March – Bulgaria joins Axis  
April – Germany invades Greece and Yugoslavia  
September – U.S. troops land in Iceland  
December – United States at war with Germany and Italy; **Pearl Harbor, U.S. declares war on Japan; Guam and Wake Island surrender**
- 1942      January– **Manila fails; Japan invades Dutch East Indies**  
February – **Singapore fails**  
April – **Bataan surrenders to Japan; Doolittle air raid on Tokyo**  
May – **Battle of Coral Sea; Corregidor surrenders to Japan**  
June – **Battle of Midway; Germany invades Russia**  
July – Germans capture Tobruk, North Africa  
August – **U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal**  
September – German troops enter Stalingrad  
October – British attack at El Alamein  
November – Allies land in North Africa; British capture Tobruk; Russian offensive at Stalingrad

- 1943      February – Germans surrender at Stalingrad  
March – Afrika Korps surrenders  
May – **Battle of Bismarck Sea**  
July – Allies invade Sicily  
November – Russians recapture Kiev; U.S. invasions of Bougainville and Tarawa; Cairo Conference
- 1944      January – Siege of Leningrad broken; United States attacks Kwajalein  
June – landing at Normandy; United States invades Saipan; V-1 attacks on London; B-29s attack Tokyo  
July – United States invades Guam  
August – Allied troops land in southern France  
October – United States invades Leyte, Battle of Leyte Gulf  
December – Battle of Bulge begins and is stopped
- 1945      January – Russians reach Warsaw; Allies invade Luzon  
February – United States invades Iwo Jima  
April – Russians in Berlin and Vienna suburbs; United States invades Okinawa  
May – Hitler commits suicide; Berlin surrenders; VE-Day ends war with Germany  
July – Potsdam Conference  
August – **Atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Japan agrees to surrender; VJ-Day ends war with Japan**