

World War II



1941-1945

Georgia Standards

- SSUSH19 The student will identify the origins, major developments, and the domestic impact of World War II, especially the growth of the federal government.
- a. Explain A. Philip Randolph's proposed march on Washington, D.C., and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's response.
- b. Explain the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the internment of Japanese- Americans, German-Americans, and Italian-Americans.
- c. Explain major events; include the lend-lease program, the Battle of Midway, D-Day, and the fall of Berlin.
- d. Describe war mobilization, as indicated by rationing, war-time conversion, and the role of women in war industries.
- e. Describe the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos and the scientific, economic, and military implications of developing the atomic bomb.
- f. Compare the geographic locations of the European Theater and the Pacific Theater and the difficulties the U.S. faced in delivering weapons, food, and medical supplies to troops.

Mobilizing Industry

- From the start, FDR knew that American production would help the Allies win the war. (Lend-Lease)
- War-time conversion began of factories that sat empty during the Great Depression.
- These factories now turn their attention to weapon production. (Marietta, GA)
- Government began *allocating* and *rationing* resources. (Especially metals, rubber and food)



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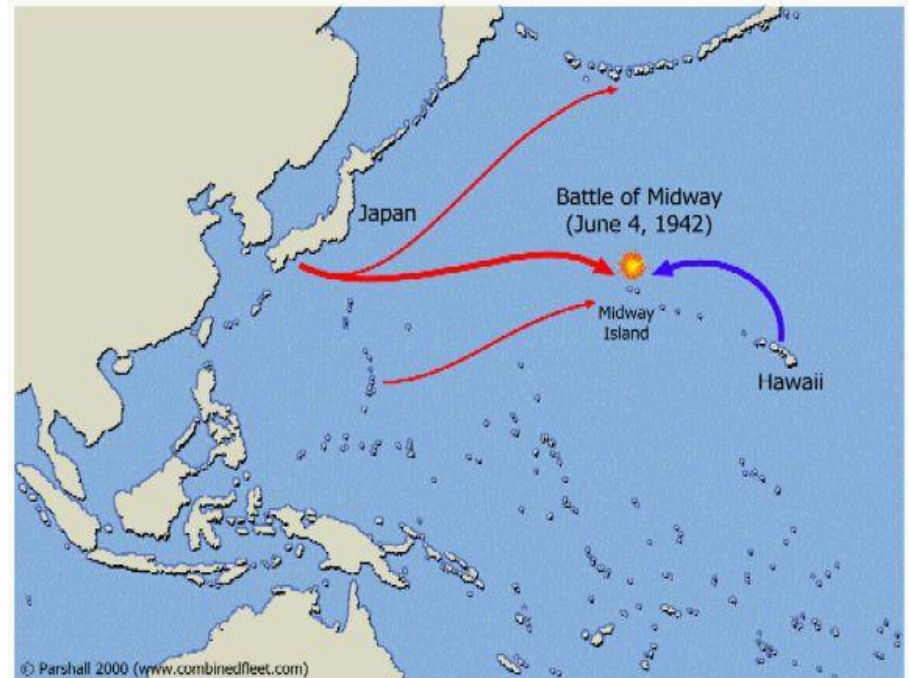
European Theater

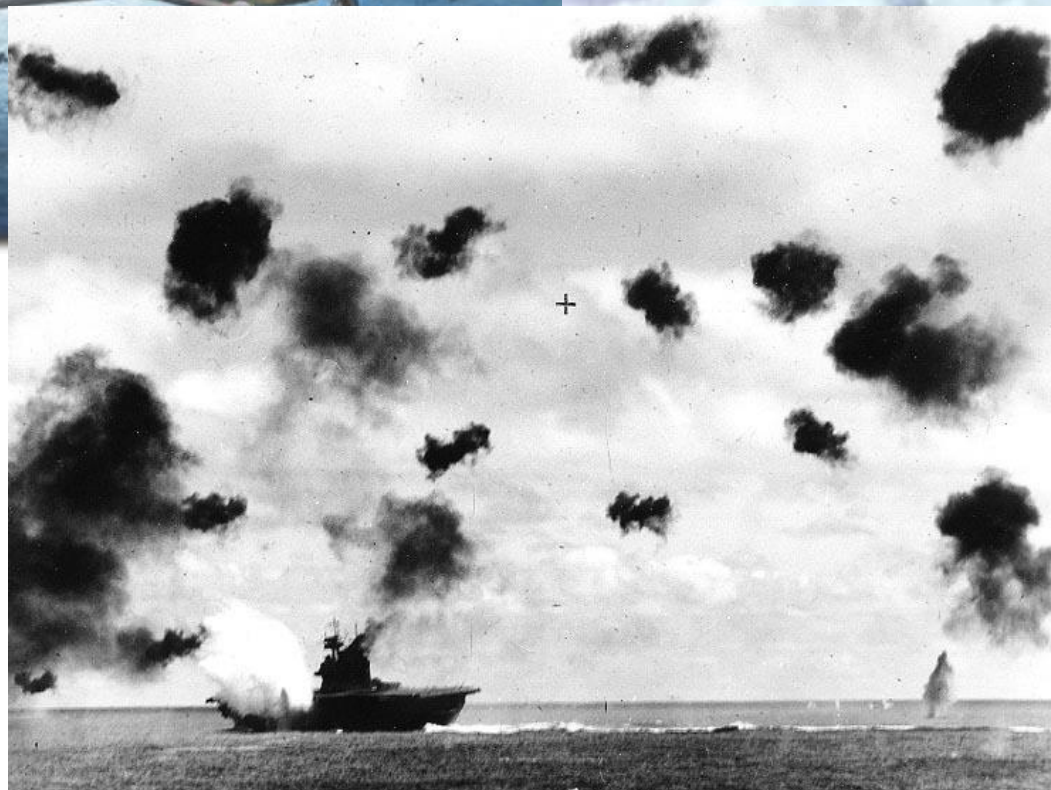
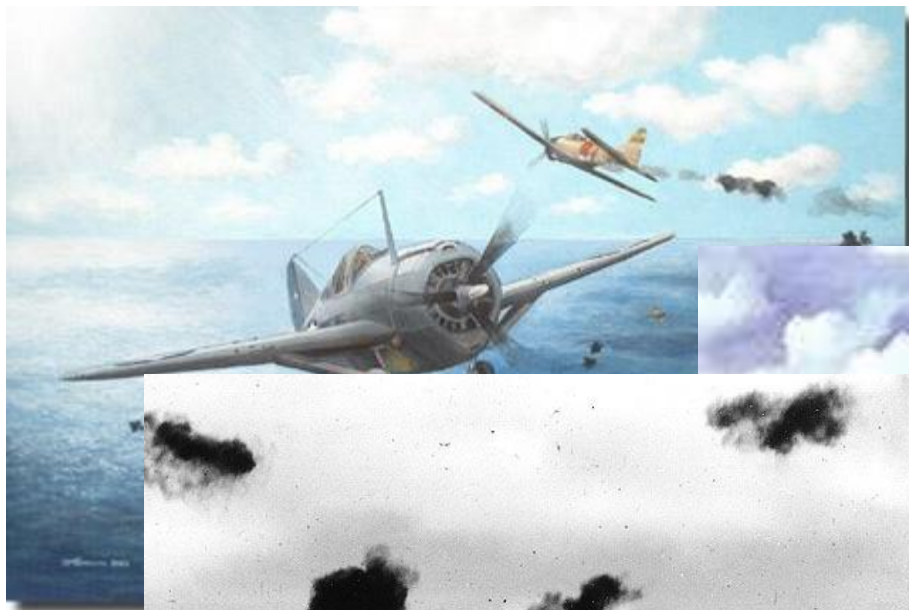


- ☞ Allies set their sights on the defeat of Germany first.
- ☞ FDR wanted unconditional surrender from Hitler.
- ☞ Fighting stretched from Great Britain to North Africa to Western Russia.
- ☞ Tuskegee Airmen – African American fighter squad that played key role in early bombing of Germany.

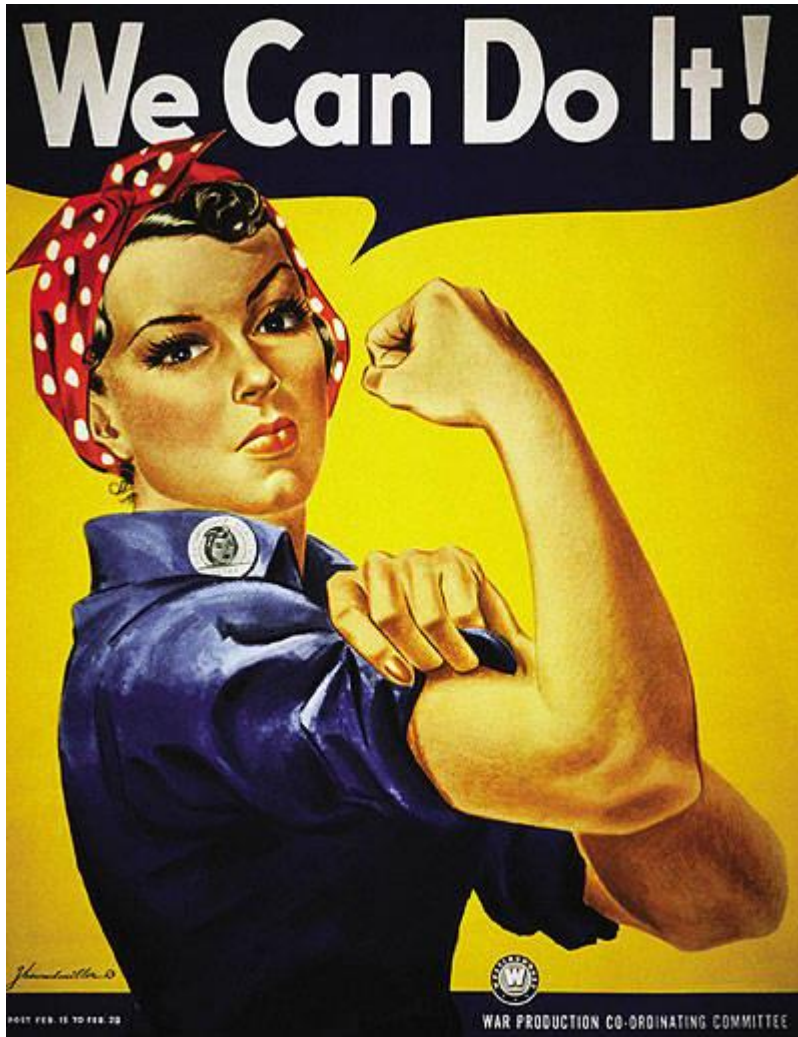
Turning Point in the Pacific

- ✧ Battle of Midway – Japanese planned attack of American Naval Base in Central Pacific in June 1942.
- ✧ US intercepted Japanese messages; knew attack was coming.
- ✧ American victory stopped Japanese aggression in Pacific; Japan now on the defensive.





The Home Front: Women



- ✧ With the men away at war, women step up to work in factories and other male-dominated jobs.
- ✧ “Rosie the Riveter” – character used to promote female equality in society and the workforce
- ✧ For the first time in American history, women were working outside the home, making their own money.
- ✧ Many assumed once war was over, women would return to their domestic roles.

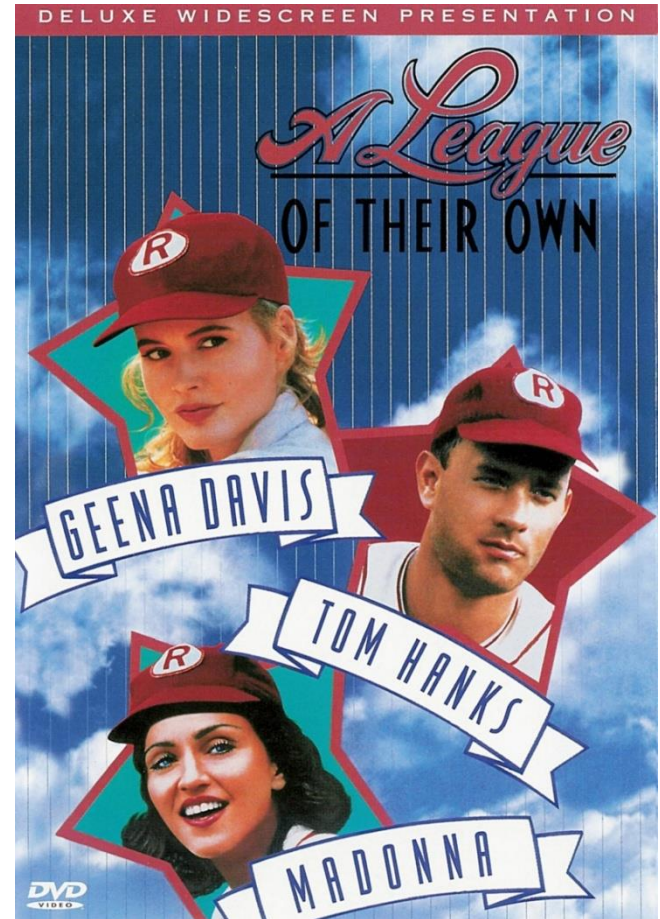






Do the job
HE left
behind

APPLY
U.S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE



The Home Front: African Americans

- ✂ African Americans hoped the war would create economic opportunities.
- ✂ A. Philip Randolph – labor leader that planned a march on Washington to demand equality for black workers
- ✂ FDR feared protest would lead to racial unrest; so he issued an executive order that would ensure fair hiring practices in government positions for African Americans.



Xenophobia Sweeps the Nation

- ✧ Americans of German and Italian descent faced harsh discrimination and threat of deportation.
- ✧ Japanese Americans were viewed as a “threat” to many communities on the West Coast.
- ✧ FDR issued an executive order that ultimately forced the internment of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in camps in 1942.
- ✧ Seen as a dark moment in US History.



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D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe



- ✧ Stalin, FDR and Churchill agreed that invasion of Europe was essential in defeating Germany.
- ✧ General Dwight D. Eisenhower – planned D-Day invasion of Normandy, a region of Northern France controlled by the Nazis
- ✧ Attack was to be amphibious: by water and then by land.
- ✧ June 6, 1944 – Allied invasion begins.



Onward Towards Berlin

- Successful invasion of France forced Germany to now fight a war on two fronts: US and UK to the west and USSR to the east.
- Battle of the Bulge – Hitler's last attempt to counter-attack the oncoming Allied forces
- Spring 1945 – Soviets advance on Berlin; Mussolini captured and killed; Hitler's time was running out
- May 7, 1945 – Germany officially surrenders after Hitler commits suicide.





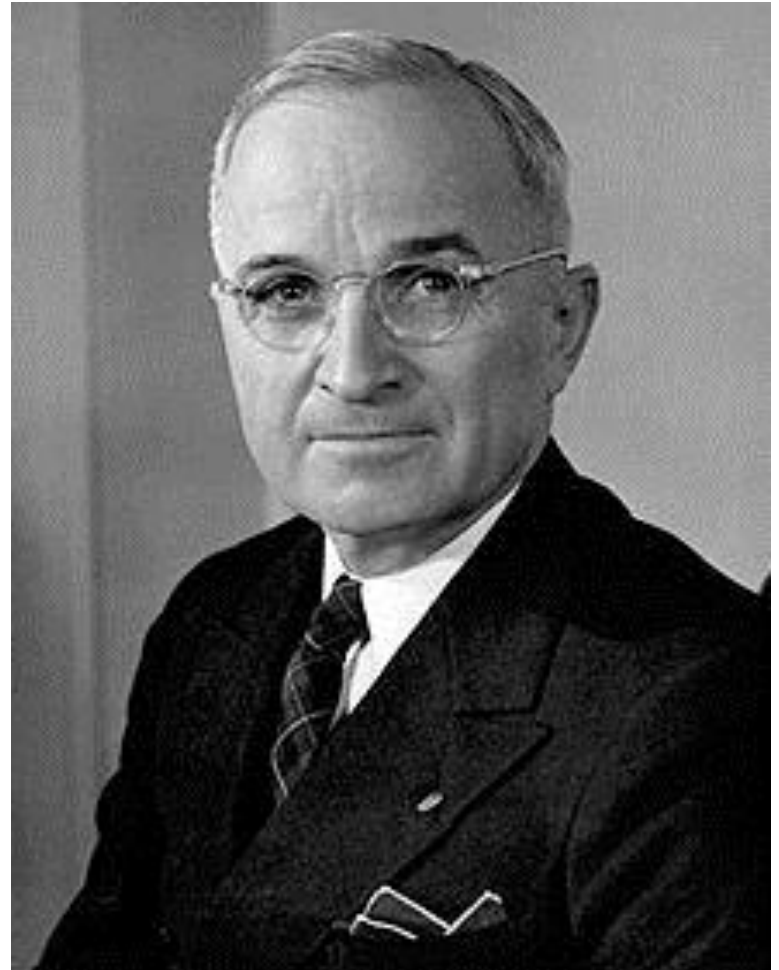


ASHES OF GANGSTERISM.



President Truman Takes the Reigns

- ✂ The war had taken a huge toll on FDR.
- ✂ Spring 1945: while vacationing in Warm Springs, GA Roosevelt dies of brain hemorrhage
- ✂ Vice President Harry S. Truman of Missouri becomes President
- ✂ Reflection: Why is FDR considered by many to be one of our greatest Presidents?





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Los Angeles Times

ROOSEVELT DEAD!

**Cerebral Hemorrhage Proves Fatal;
President Truman Sworn in Office**

**Yanks Near
Suburb Area
of Berlin**



**Emergency Cabinet
Session Summoned;
Parley Plan in Doubt**

IN WASH. (AP) (U.S.) April 12, 1945 (U.S.)—President Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, died at 10:15 a.m. (U.S.) April 12 (U.S.) after a cerebral hemorrhage in the "White House" here.

Mr. Truman died here in White Springs, which he had in 1944 the "second home" near the White House.

The president had been in the White House since 1945.



Iconic Image from Iwo Jima (Winter 1945)

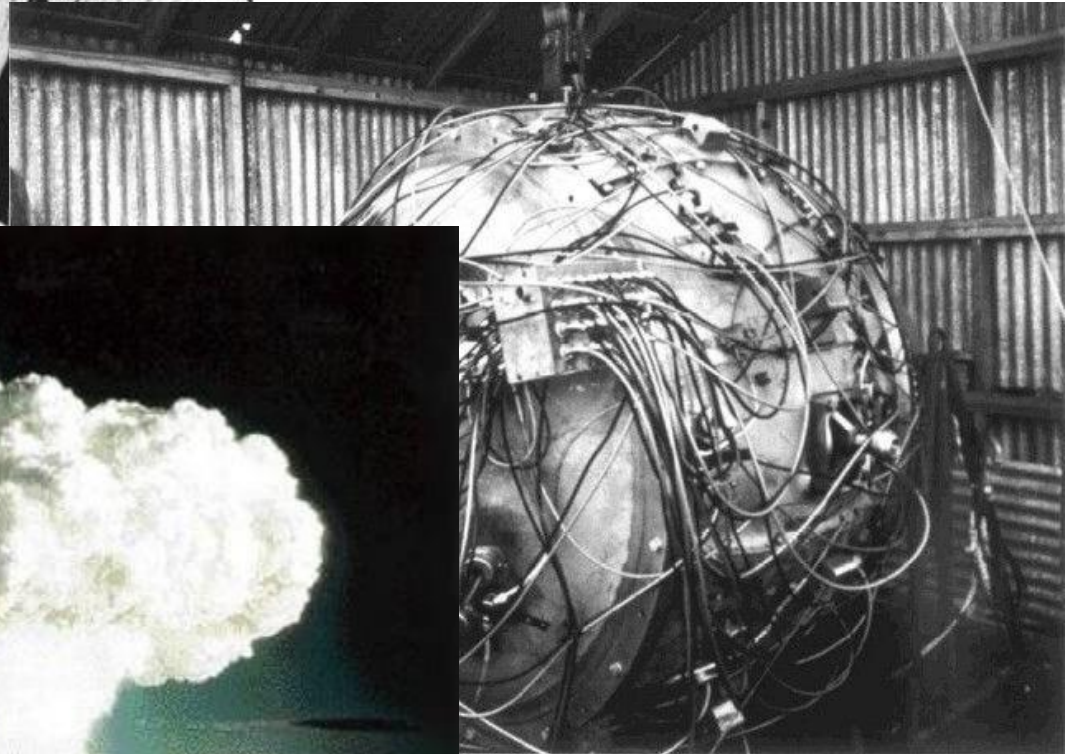
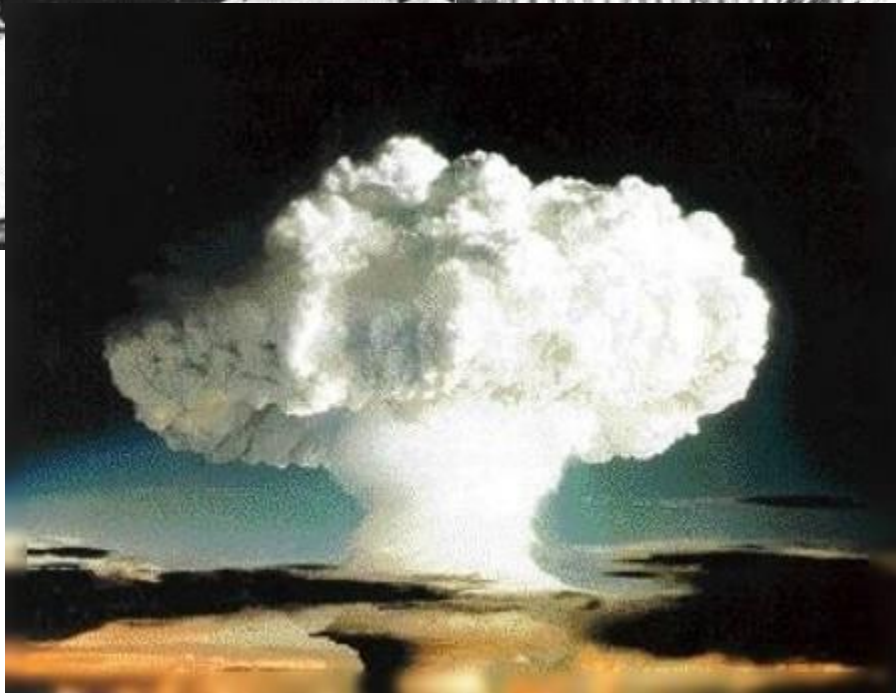


After the defeat of Germany, fighting continued in the Pacific against Japan.

Atomic Bomb Ends the War

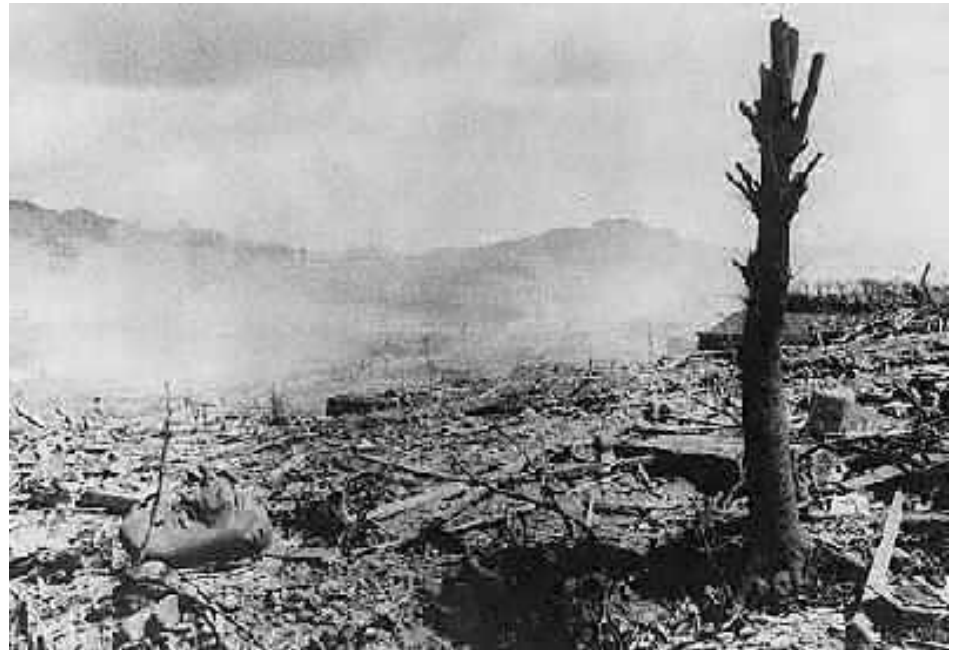
- ☞ Manhattan Project: code name for the US program that was building the atomic bomb; operated out of **Los Alamos, New Mexico**
- ☞ Robert Oppenheimer – physicist who lead research in the development of the bomb
 - Later in life he regretted his work on the bomb saying: “Now I am become Death, the destroyer of Worlds.”
- ☞ July 1945 – 1st test on bomb; shortly after a final warning is issued to Japan for unconditional surrender





Truman Decides to Drop the Bomb

- ✧ Fearing that a D-Day type invasion of Japan would result in the loss of an estimated 1 million US soldiers, Truman decides to use bomb.
- ✧ August 1945: 1st bomb dropped at **Hiroshima**, 2nd bomb dropped days later at **Nagasaki**
- ✧ An estimated 120,000 Japanese citizens were killed instantly; 80,000 more would die from radiation in the weeks and months to come





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BY WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON,
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(INS)—The United States shortcut in-





Liberating the Concentration Camps



- ✎ As early as 1942, FDR and Churchill were aware of the extermination of Jews by Nazis.
- ✎ Stalin didn't care; proposed to do nothing.
- ✎ Some effort was made by FDR to assist Jews in Europe, but strategically their efforts were focused on defeating Hitler.
- ✎ After fall of Berlin, Allied troops began liberation of camps; over 7 million never made it to freedom.

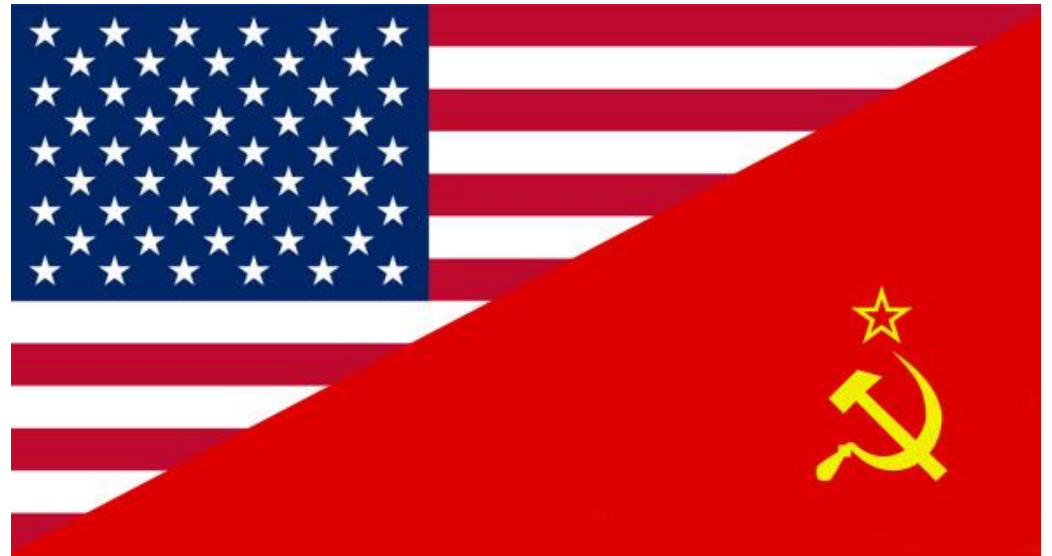
Effects of the War

- ✧ FDR/Truman, Churchill and Stalin meet to decide the face of post-war Europe. (Yalta and Potsdam Conferences)
- ✧ European Imperialism declines; many former colonies in Africa and Asia gain independence
- ✧ United Nations is formed in 1948 to promote cooperation between nations. Sought to succeed where League of Nations had failed.



Two Superpowers Collide

- ✂ With Europe in ruins, the US and the Soviet Union remain, become economic **Superpowers**.
- ✂ Former allies quickly become enemies.
- ✂ Beginnings of the Cold War – nuclear arms race between the Soviet Union and the US that would last until Soviet collapse in 1991.



Misconception Check

- ✂ Black Tuesday was NOT the beginning of the Great Depression! Remember our class activity. The depression was a gradual process!
- ✂ Not everyone left the Dust Bowl! Only about 25% of people left. Their most popular destination? California!
- ✂ The New Deal's last legacy? Increase in the power and debt of the federal government! Anti-Federalists would roll over in their graves!
- ✂ JAPAN BOMBED PEARL HARBOR! NOT THE CHINESE!
- ✂ Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb DID NOT end the Great Depression! The money generated from war-time production of weapons and machinery did that!