



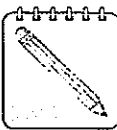
Fascinating Fact



In their rise to power, the Nazis organized special police forces to intimidate citizens who opposed their party. One group was nicknamed the "Storm Troopers." It was no coincidence that the movie franchise *Star Wars* features armed forces by the name of Storm Troopers.

World War II

While Adolf Hitler took power in Germany, strong dictatorships emerged in Italy and Japan. Benito Mussolini took power in Italy, and Emperor Hirohito commanded Japan. In the 1930s, these aggressive governments began to expand their territories by invading surrounding countries. In 1936, Japan, Italy, and Germany joined together to create an alliance called the Axis Powers. To oppose the Axis threat, Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union joined together as the Allied Powers.

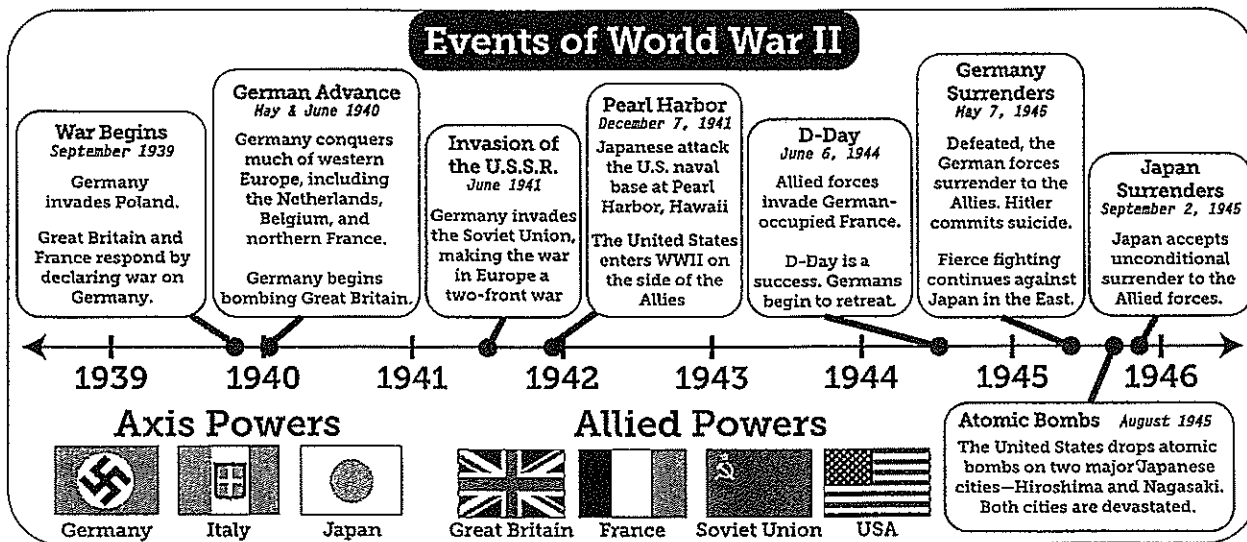


Order of Events



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Look at the timeline of major events in WWII and answer the questions.



- World War II began in _____ when Germany invaded _____.
- The Soviet Union was on which side of the war? _____
- Which event caused the United States to enter World War II?
_____ In which year did it occur? _____
- Which event led to Germany's eventual surrender in 1944? _____
- What action caused the Japanese to surrender, ending World War II?
