

1 Sept.1939

**Germany invaded Poland**

**Beginning  
of WW2 !**

Leader of Germany:

WAIT BUT WHY

3 Sept.1939

**France & England  
declared war on Germany**

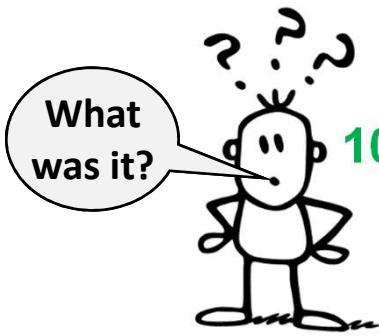
Leader of France:

WAIT BUT WHY

Leader of England:

Following months:

**Germany occupied / invaded Denmark, Norway,  
Belgium, the Netherlands, and eventually France.**



10 July 1940

## Battle of Britain

Leader of England:

Germany tried to invade Britain, mainly through air attacks.

**Important Battles...**

7 Dec. 1941

## Attack on Pearl Harbour

Leader of Japan:

Leader of USA:

(an American harbour on the island of Oahu, Hawaii)



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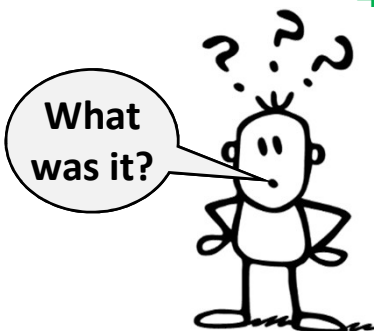
(a small island located in the Pacific, halfway between Japan and the United States)

4 June 1942

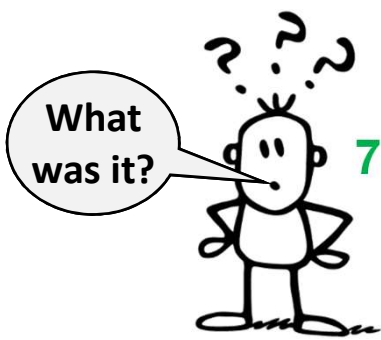
## Battle of Midway

**Turning Point!**

Japan suffered heavy losses & spent rest of WW2 on the defensive.



Japan surprised attack the US Navy on Midway.



7 July 1942

## Battle of Stalingrad

German army tried to capture this large Russian city.

Leader of USSR:

**Turning Point!**

Russians defeated the Germans - German army never fully recovered after this.

3 Sept. 1943

## Italy surrenders

Leader of Italy:

**WAIT BUT WHY**

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**Final Campaigns...**

6 June 1944

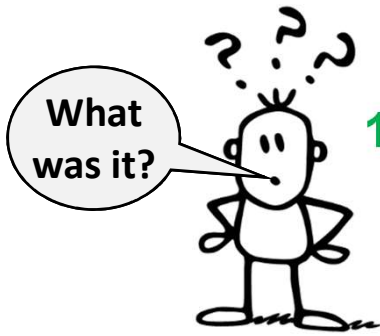
## Invasion of Normandy

What was it?

Allied forces invaded German-occupied beaches of Normandy, France, to liberate Western Europe from Nazi control.

**OUTCOME**

For the first time in the war, German soldiers in Western Europe were on the retreat!



16 Dec.1944

## Battle of the Bulge

Leader of France:

Hitler ordered his last great offensive of the war.

It was a Nazi counterattack, along an 80-mile front in the Forest of Ardennes.



German army failed & was forced to continue its retreat.

7 May 1945

## Germany surrenders

Leader of USA:



2 Sept.1945

## Japan surrenders

Leader of Japan:



The war that had engaged nearly every country on earth was officially over!