

1 Sept.1939

**BEGINNING**

**WW2 !**

**Timeline of main  
WW2 events**



A lot happened during WW2!  
This timeline gives a brief  
overview of some of the main  
events of WW2. It will fast-  
forward you through WW2...!

2 Sept.1945

**END**

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**Germany invaded Poland**

**Beginning  
of WW2 !**

Leader of Germany:  
**Adolf Hitler**

  
**WAIT BUT WHY**

Hitler & the Nazis aimed to  
conquer Europe and possibly  
even the world!

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**France & England  
declared war on Germany**

Leader of France:  
**Albert Lebrun**

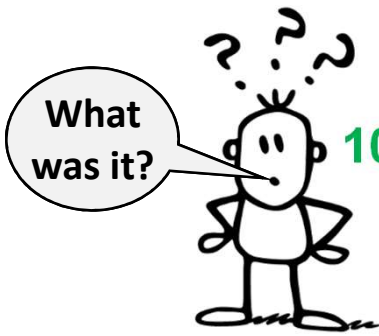
  
**WAIT BUT WHY**

Both France and England had  
promised to help Poland should  
it ever be attacked!

Leader of England:  
**Neville Chamberlain**

**Following months:**

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



10 July 1940

## Battle of Britain

Leader of England:  
**Winston Churchill**

Germany tried to invade Britain,  
mainly through air attacks.

**Important  
Battles...**

7 Dec. 1941

## Attack on Pearl Harbour

Leader of Japan:  
**Hideki Tojo**

Leader of USA:  
**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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



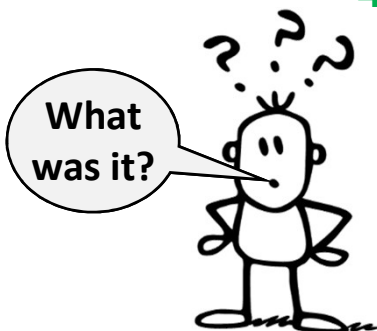
Germany tried to dominate and  
take control of Europe. Similarly,  
Japan tried to dominate and take  
control of Southeast Asia!

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

4 June 1942

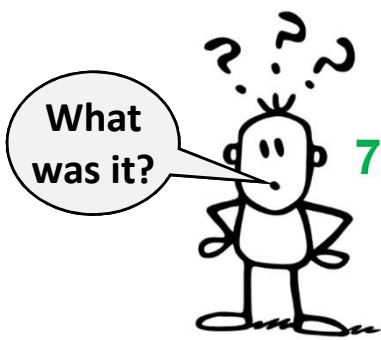
## Battle of Midway

**Turning  
Point!**



Japan surprised attack the US  
Navy on Midway.

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



7 July 1942

## Battle of Stalingrad

German army tried to capture this large Russian city.

Leader of USSR:  
**Josef Stalin**

**Turning Point!**

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

3 Sept. 1943

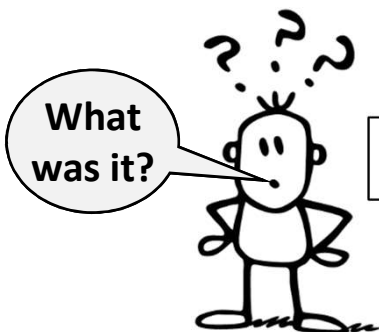
## Italy surrenders

Leader of Italy:  
**Benito Mussolini**



The Italian empire collapsed after disastrous defeats in Eastern Europe & Northern Africa!

**Final Campaigns...**



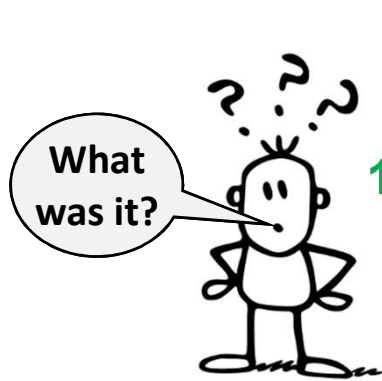
6 June 1944

## Invasion of Normandy

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:  
**Charles de Gaulle**

Hitler ordered his last great offensive of the war.

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

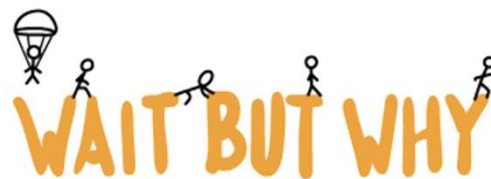


German army failed & was forced to continue its retreat.

7 May 1945

## Germany surrenders

Leader of USA:  
**Harry Truman**



The Allied forces drew closer to Berlin...

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## Japan surrenders

Leader of Japan:  
**Emperor Hirohito**



The USA dropped 2 atomic bombs on 2 Japanese cities...

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

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**The End!**

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