

WWII

What started the war?

Germany, Italy & Japan wanted to expand

Germany resented the stiff reparations were imposed on them after WWI

1936 Italy conquers Ethiopia

1936 Germany & Italy join forces [axis]

1937 Japan invades China

1939 Germany & Russia invade Poland

During the war

1940 Russia conquers Finland

1940 Germany conquers Denmark, Norway, Netherlands & Belgium

1940 Slovakia, Hungary & Romania join the axis

1941 Bulgaria & Croatia join the axis & conquer Yugoslavia & Greece

1941 Axis invades Russia & retreats

1941 Japan attacks Pearl Harbor & US enters the war [previously helped with supplies]

1941 Japan conquers Philippines, Indochina & Singapore

1942 Germany attacks Russia again only to result in failure again

1943 Axis troops surrender the African Campaign

1943 Mussolini is disposed & Italy surrenders, but Germany still controls northern Italy

1944 Allied troops liberate Rome & Paris

60 million Allied troops died [most from Russia] & 12 million from Axis

Commanders in Chief

Allied Forces

Winston Churchill of Britain

Franklin Roosevelt of USA

Joseph Stalin of Russia

Axis Forces

Adolf Hitler of Germany

Benito Mussolini of Italy

Emperor Hirohito of Japan

What ended the war?

Russia had invaded Berlin & Germans surrender 9may45. US dropped an atomic bomb [uranium little boy] on Hiroshima on 6aug45 & another [plutonium big man] on Nagasaki brought an end of the war. 8may45 Germany surrendered to the Allies & the Japanese on 2sep45.

See: <http://www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/2010/12/what-started-world-war-i/>

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/world-war-i-ends>

<http://www.historynet.com/world-war-ii>