

# Background on World War II

The U.S. entry into World War II





# Objective

- By the end of the lesson, SWBAT evaluate the opportunity costs associated with the U.S. joining World War II before the attacks at Pearl Harbor
- By the end of the lesson, SWBAT describe the events of Pearl Harbor and how it led to the U.S. entering the war on the Allied Power side.

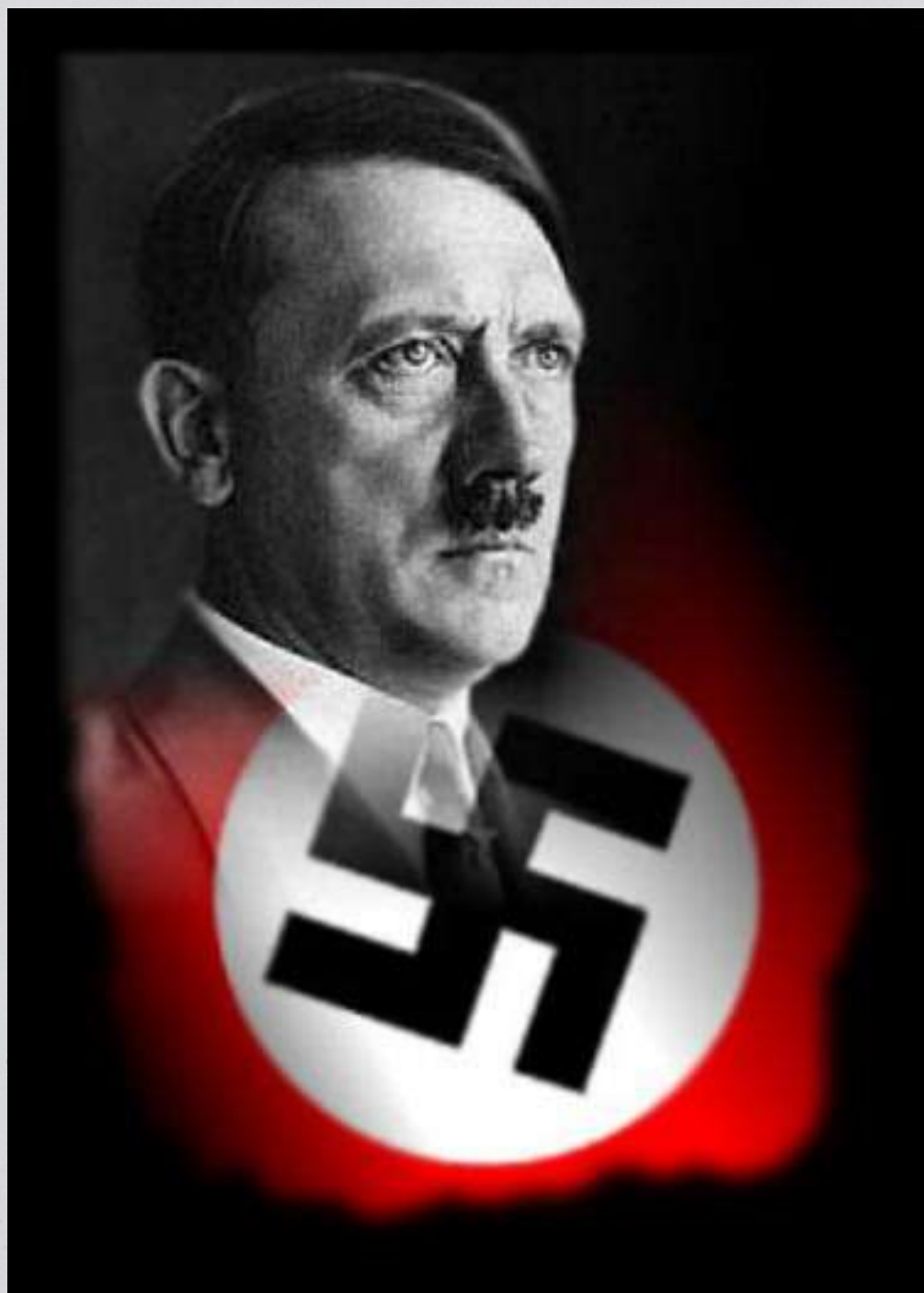


# Germany and the Nazi Party

- In the 1930s, Germany was poor because of the Great Depression and because of money that they had to pay because of the Treaty of Versailles.
- The Nazi Party believed that the Treaty of Versailles was really wrong and unfair.
- Germany elected Adolf Hitler - Hitler said he would change everything! He said he would make Germany strong again.
- He had a lot of nationalism and made other people think the same way.



# Adolf Hitler

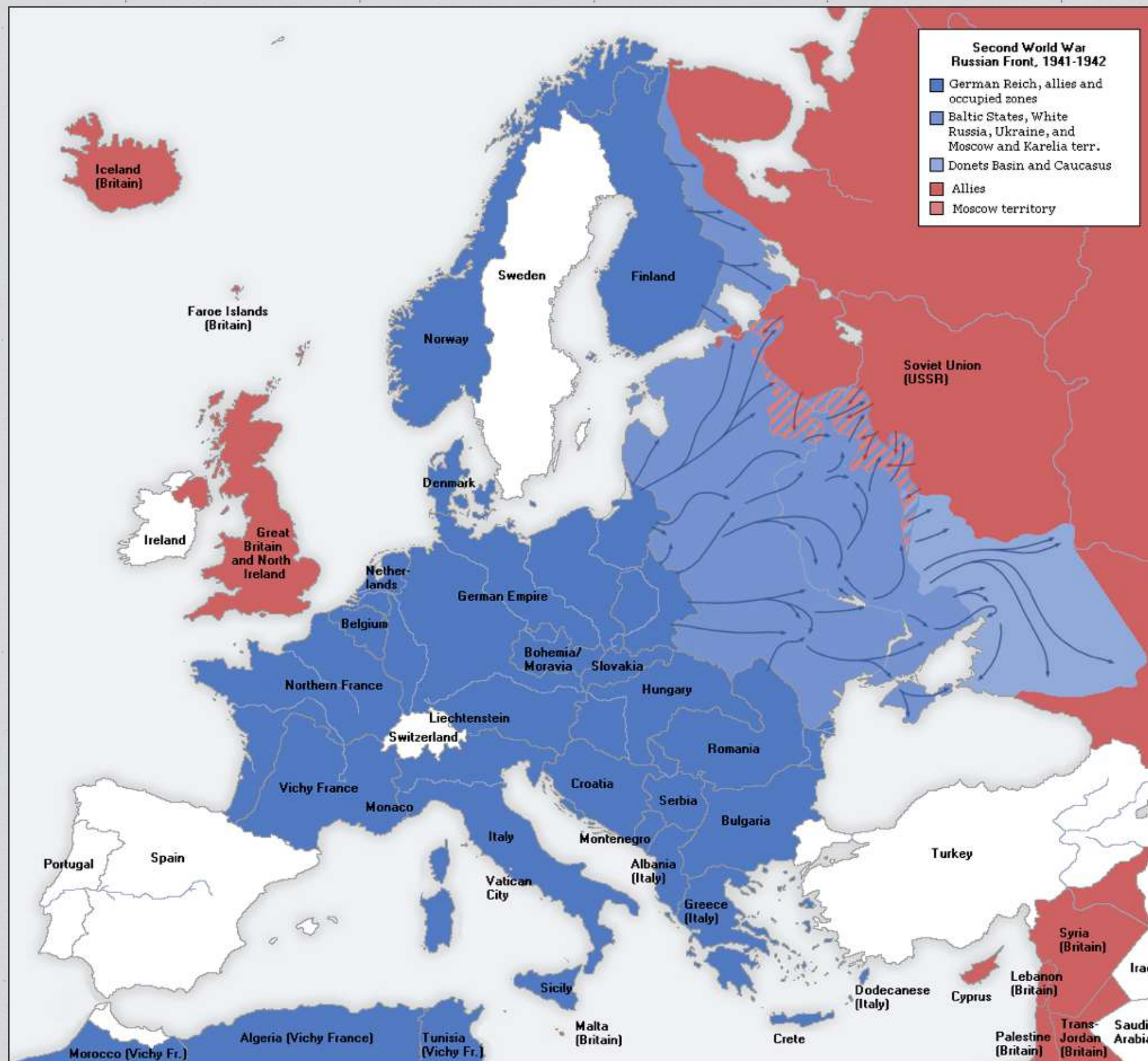




# Nazi Nationalism, Militarism, then Imperialism

- The Nazi Germans thought they deserved more land and power. They had a lot of NATIONALISM!
- They built up their army - MILITARISM.
- They started to take over other countries in Europe - IMPERIALISM. This started World War II.







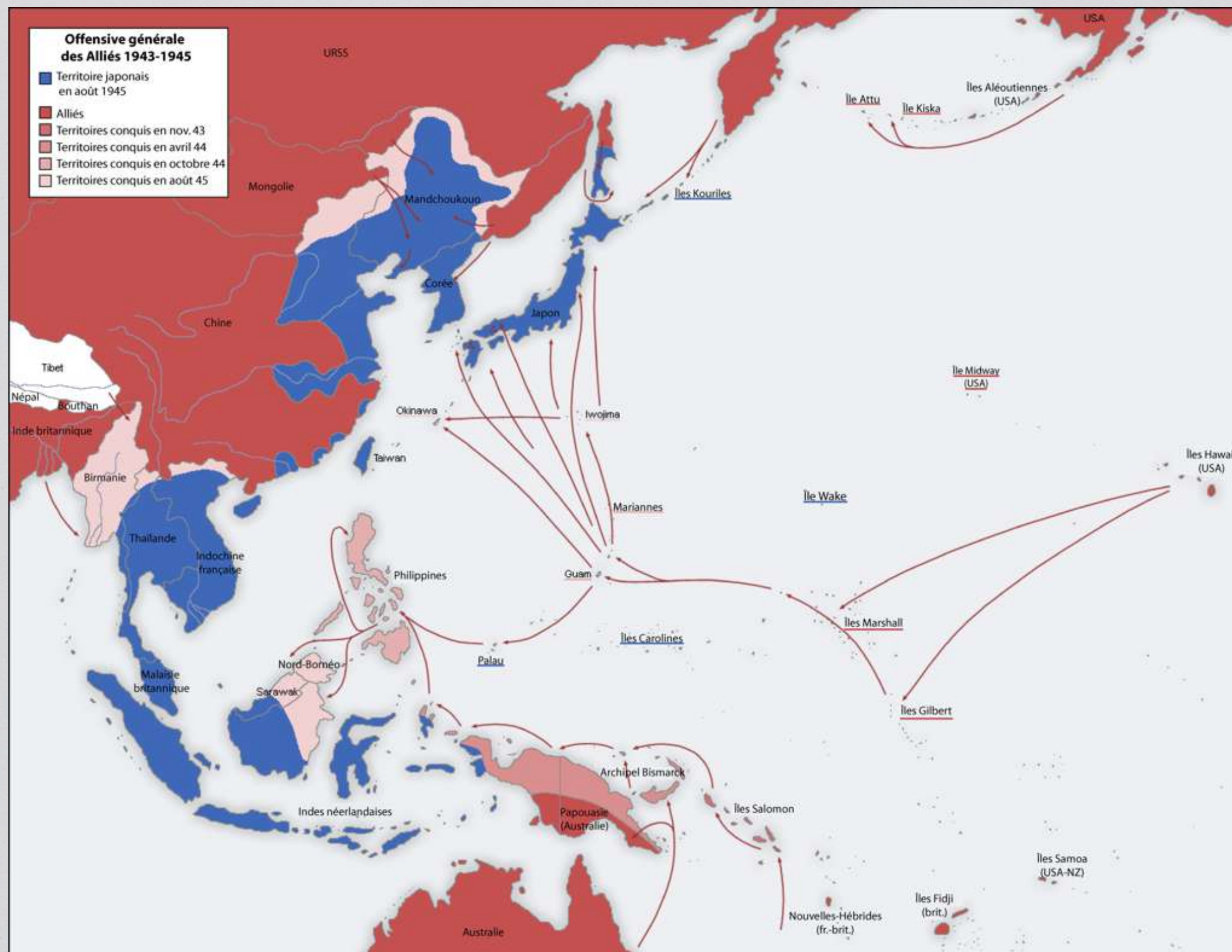
# Japan

- On the other side of the world, Japan had a lot of nationalism too.
- They started building up their army - militarism.
- They took over land in China and all over the pacific - imperialism.
- Japan and Germany were allies! They were part of the Axis Powers











# Allied and Axis Powers

- The two sides of the war were the Allied Powers (France, Great Britain, Soviet Union, New Zealand, and Australia) and the Axis Powers (Germany, Italy, and Japan)
- Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi party in Germany
- Hirohito was the leader of Japan



# U.S.

- The U.S. was neutral in World War II until 1941.
- Before that, Roosevelt and the U.S. were isolationists.
- The opportunity cost was too big for the U.S. to enter the war.
- Why was the opportunity cost too big for the U.S.?



# Japan Attacks!

- On December 7, 1941, the Japan airforce attacks a large naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 12 warships, 188 airplanes were destroyed.
- 2,000 people died during the Japanese attack.
- The attack was a complete surprise!



# Pearl Harbor, Hawaii





Photo # 80-G-474789 Burning ships in Pearl Harbor drydocks, 7 December 1941



# r Attacks





# Japanese Warfare

- The Japanese used Kamikazes.
- Kamikazes are pilots that kill themselves to kill a lot of their enemies.
- They would dive bomb into navy boats.





(c) 2005 by Allen B. Ury



# Japan Attacks American Territories!

- Japan also attacks U.S. territories: Guam, Philippine Islands, and the Midway Island.



# Pearl Harbor is Attacked

- President Roosevelt and Congress had no choice but to declare war on the Axis Powers.
- The U.S. joined the Allied Powers.
- The U.S. joined the war on December 7, 1941.



# President's Speech

- President Roosevelt's Speech:
- Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate, members of the House: yesterday, December 7th, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.



# Infamy Speech

