

# WORLD WAR II

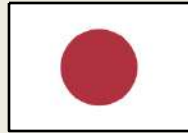
## How was America involved?

**SS5H6: The student will explain the reasons for America's involvement in WWII**

- b. Describe major events in the war in both Europe and the Pacific; include Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, D-Day, VE Day, VJ Day, and the Holocaust
- c. Discuss President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- d. Identify: Roosevelt, Stalin, Churchill, Hirohito, Truman, Mussolini, and Hitler
- e. Describe the effects of rationing and the changing role of women and African Americans; include "Rosie the Riveter" and the Tuskegee Airmen.
- f. Explain the U.S. role in the formation of the United Nations

# What have we learned so far?

- Germany, Italy, and Japan = Axis Powers



- 1939: Germany took over Czechoslovakia and Poland



- 1939: Great Britain & France declared war on Germany

World War II officially began in 1939.

# 1939

- Great Britain & France declare war on Germany
- Russia & Germany sign the **Munich Agreement**. It said... Germany would **NOT** invade Russia.

They formed an alliance!

The United States is still NOT involved!

# 1940

- Germany invaded Norway & Denmark
- Winston Churchill became the new Prime Minister of Great Britain.
- Germany took over Paris, France in June and a few weeks later, France surrendered.
- Great Britain refused to surrender!
- Germany, Italy, & Japan sign the Tripartite Pact.  
The United States is still NOT involved!



# 1941

- Germany invaded Russia. (They broke their agreement!)
- Russia joined the Allies!

**\*\*December 7, 1941:**

Japan attacked the USA Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. They felt our Pacific fleet was too close.

It threatened their **expansion**!



...the plane of Battleship Row at the beginning of the attack.

...is a torpedo strike on the USS *Oklahoma*.

...planes can be seen: one over the USS Neosho and one over the Naval Yard

# Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



# 1941

- **December 8<sup>th</sup>:** The United States of America declared war on **Japan!**  
Shortcut to American Rhetoric Franklin Delano Roosevelt - Pearl Harbor Address to the Nation (12-08-41)
- **December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Germany & **Italy** declared war on the USA.
- **December 11<sup>th</sup>:** The **USA** officially declared war on Germany and Italy.



December 8, 1941: U.S.A declared war on Japan. U.S. citizens were now in favor of joining WWII. They were angry about Pearl Harbor!

# How did American's support the war effort?

## Production Increased:

The military need weapons and supplies so factories began producing again. This boosted the economy!

## Rationing: How did this help?

1. Citizens planted “victory gardens” to grow their own vegetables.
2. Citizens chose to reduce the amount of meat they ate.
3. Citizens collected rubber, copper, steel, and nylon to recycle.
  - people took their own tires and donated them to the military
  - women gave up their stockings so parachutes could be made from the nylon
4. The government assigned points to each household based on the number of people & needs.





# How did women help during WWII?

During WWII, thousands of America's men served in the military.

With the men fighting the war...

**Civilian women** - worked in the factories helping to produce goods

**Military women** – Over 275,000 women served in the United States military; in every area except combat

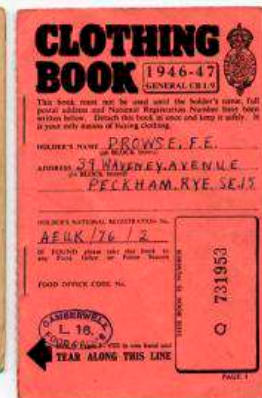
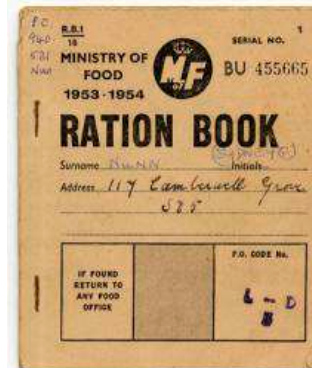
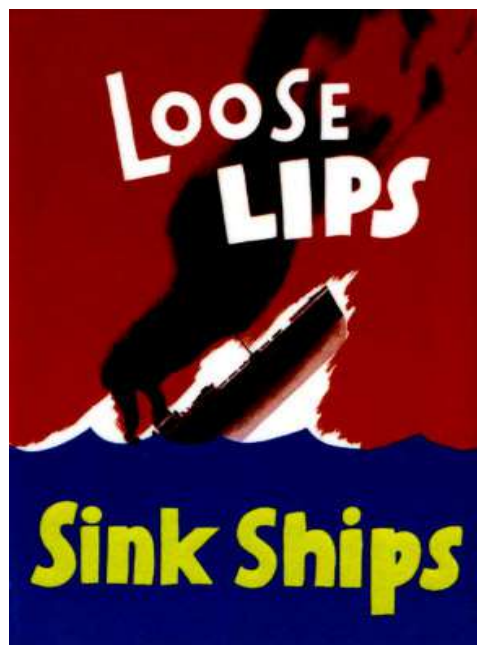
**WAC** – **Women's Army Corps**

The largest military division of women.



**Mosie Riveter**: this poster symbol of these working women had strength





# What role did minorities play in WWII?

Many African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, and other minorities went to work on farms and in factories to help with the wartime production.

Many minorities joined the armed forces too.

Tuskegee Airmen were African American fighter pilots. As a squadron they successfully protected every U.S. bomber they escorted during the war.

Code Talkers were Native American Marines that developed a coded radio language based on the Navajo language. The Japanese never figured out the secret codes.

442<sup>nd</sup> was an army infantry regiment. It was made up totally of Japanese American soldiers. They fought in Europe and became the most decorated unit in US history.



# Tuskegee Airmen



# Code Talkers





# Honolulu Star-Bulletin 1st EXTRA

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 1941 8 PAGES—HONOLULU, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, U. S. A. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1941—4 PAGES 10 PRICE FIVE CENTS

(Associated Press by Trans-Pacific Telephone)  
**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.**—President Roosevelt announced this morning that Japanese planes had attacked Manila and Pearl Harbor.

# WAR! OAHU BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

**SIX KNOWN DEAD, 21 INJURED, AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL**

## Attack Made On Island's Defense Areas

### CIVILIANS ORDERED OFF STREETS

The army has ordered that all civilians stay off the streets and highways and stay in their homes.

Orders that the Japanese attack has been made on the island's defense areas.

All news personnel and civilian defense workers, with the exception of women, have been ordered to stay at Pearl Harbor.

The Pearl Harbor highway was immediately closed to all traffic.

A killing of injured people began, and many were taken to the emergency hospital.

Thousands of telephone calls came in, and many people were ordered to stay in their homes.

### ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS IN ACTION

First indication of the raid came shortly before 6 o'clock this morning when anti-aircraft guns around Pearl Harbor began firing at a few enemy planes.

At the same time a great cloud of black smoke rose from the Ford Island and the Hickam field where flames could be seen.

Some near Governor's mansion.

Shortly before 7:30 a bomb fell near West Point, the residence of the governor.

Governor Pendleton and Secretary Charles M. Wile were there.

It was reported that the bomb killed an unidentified Chinese man near the train.

At 7:50 a. m., today Governor Philiponeau declared a state of emergency for the entire territory.

He announced that Edward L. Duff, executive secretary of the major disaster council, has been appointed director under the 34 day law's provisions.

Governor Pendleton urged all residents of

## Hundreds See City Bombed

### Names of Dead and Injured

Names of the dead and injured were being listed at the emergency hospital.

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# JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON U. S.

## United Nation Girds Self For War Against Japan

By Associated Press



## Tank Battle Rages Again In Desert Arena of Libya

By Associated Press

By Associated Press

## ROOSEVELT WILL ADDRESS CONGRESS SESSION TODAY

By Associated Press



## American Pacific Fleet Strikes Back at Japan

By Associated Press

By Associated Press

By Associated Press

# 1942

- The United States engaged in a naval battle of the “Coral Sea” with Japan.
- Germany and ALL of the Axis Powers declared war on the United States.
- Great Britain & U.S. troops win back North Africa
- Mass murder of Jews at Auschwitz began.  
Auschwitz was a severe concentration camp.

# 1943

- Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in Poland: largest single revolt by Jews against Nazis during WW2
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Italy SURRENDERS to the Allies!
- October 10<sup>th</sup>: **Italy** swaps sides and declares war on Germany!



# 1944

## June 6, 1944: D-Day

British and U.S. troops land on the beaches of Normandy in France.

This opened a “Second Front” against the Germans.

## Allied Successes:

Allies reached Paris, France.

U.S. troops entered Germany.

U.S. troops land in the Philippines.

Germany launched a final offensive in the west: Battle of the Bulge. Tried to split the Allies up to weaken their attack.

# 1944

## June 6, 1944: D-Day

British and American troops landing on the beaches of Normandy.



A convoy of Landing Craft Infantry (Large) sails across the English Channel toward the Normandy Invasion beaches on "D-Day", 6 June 1944. Each of these landing craft is towing a barrage balloon for protection against low-flying German aircraft



Coast Guard manned USS LST-21 unloads British Army tanks and trucks onto a "Rhino" barge during the early hours of the invasion, 6 June 1944.

# 1945: Allied Victory in Europe

- April 30, 1945: Hitler commits suicide

- May 7, 1945: Germany SURRENDERED to the Allies.

- May 8, 1945: Winston Churchill announced...  
V-E Day: Victory in Europe



# 1945: Allied Victory in Japan

- **February 19 – March 26, 1945: The Battle of Iwo Jima**

A battle in which the United States fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Empire of Japan.

The U.S. invasion, charged with the mission of capturing the three airfields on Iwo Jima, resulted in some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific Campaign of World War II.

- **August 6, 1945: USA dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.** (It killed 78,000 citizens.)

- **August 9, 1945: USA dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.**



August 15, 1945: Japan surrendered to the Allies, ending the war after most 6 years of war!



## **V-J Day: Victory in Japan**

September 2, 1945: Japan officially surrendered and WWII is finally over!

# Atomic Bomb on: Hiroshima, Japan



A replica of the **Little Boy** atomic bomb that Was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.



Hiroshima **after** was dropped.

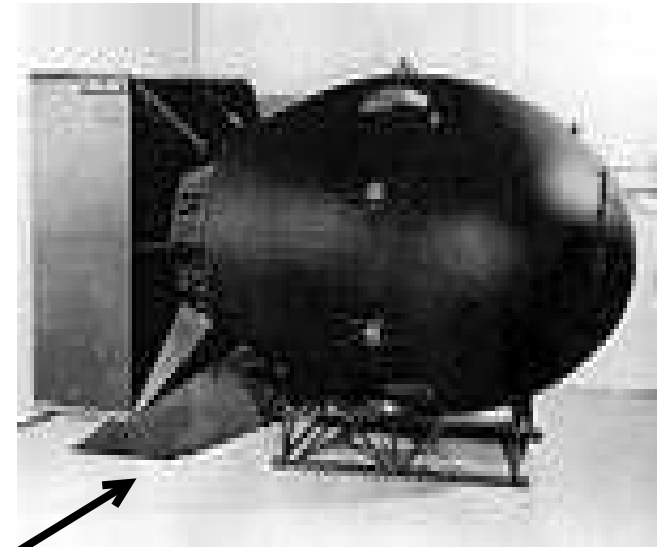


shroom cloud, through a window in one of the three B-29s which bombing run.





## Atomic Bomb on: Nagasaki, Japan



The *Bockscar* and its crew, who dropped the "**Fat Man**" atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

"I realize the tragic significance of the atomic bomb... It is an awful responsibility which has come to us... We thank God that it has come to us, instead of to our enemies; and we pray that He may guide us to use it in His ways and for His purposes."

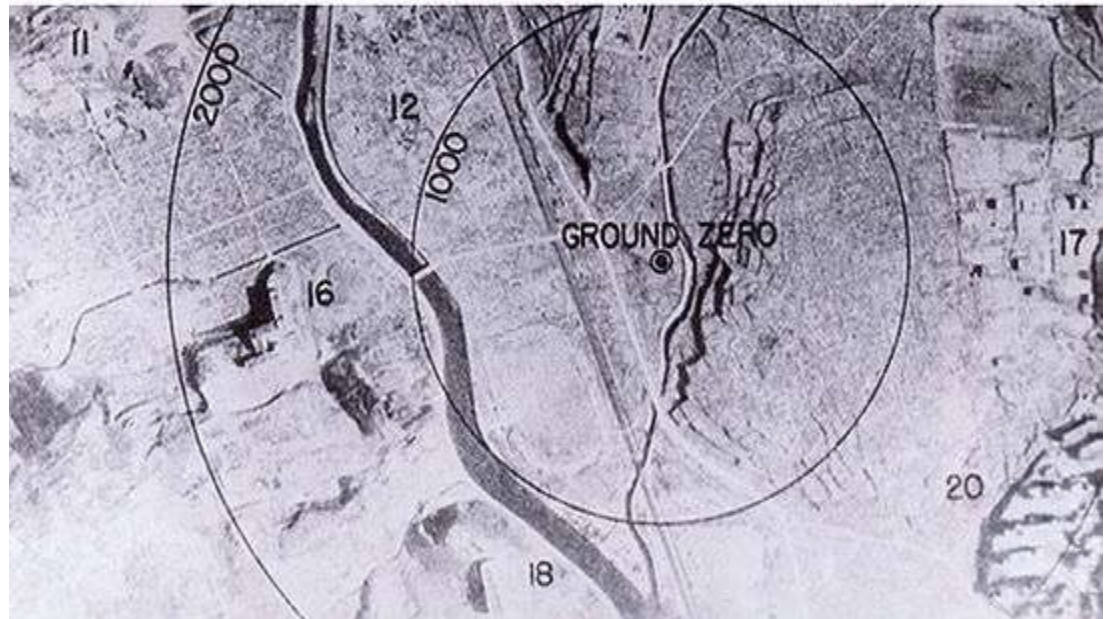
—**President Harry Truman**, August 9, 1945

# Nagasaki, Japan

- Before the atomic bomb



- After the atomic bomb





# The United Nations

After WWI, The League of Nations was established to encourage peace and prevent future wars.

**Then.... WWII.** So, did the League of Nations work? NO!

After WWII, the United States and its Allies helped establish a new peace keeping organization.

In April 1945, leaders from 50 countries met in San Francisco, California to draft a charter. In October 1945, the United Nations was official.

**Purpose**: to maintain peace, protect human rights, & enforce international laws

**UN Security Council**: United States, Russia, China, Great Britain, & France

**Before** the UN can take military action, all 5 members must agree!

The United Nations still works toward establishing peace and for providing relief to human suffering around the world.

