**World War II, 1939-1945**

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| **Advantages & Disadvantages** | **Leaders** |
| **Allied Powers*** Had greater resources
* Stalin had totalitarian control over Soviet Union & war communism production
* U.S. was isolated & “neutral” but served as the “arsenal of democracy”

**Axis Powers*** Strong militaries, large early gains
* Surrounded by enemies on multiple fronts
* Fewer resources and colonies
 | **Allied Powers** **Civilian –** FDR & Truman (US), Churchill (UK), Stalin (USSR), DeGaulle (Fr) **Military –** Montgomery (Africa), Eisenhower & Patton (Europe), MacArthur & Nimitz (Pacific), Zhukov (Eastern Front)**Axis Powers** **Civilian –** Hitler (Ger), Mussolini (It), Hirohito (Japan) **Military –** Tojo (Japan) |
| **Causes** | **Strategies** |
| **Long Term*** World War I & Treaty of Versailles
* Great Depression
* Totalitarianism
* “Lebensraum”
* Appeasement & failure of League of Nations

**Short Term/”Spark”*** German invasion of Poland, 1939
 | **Allied Powers*** “Germany first” plan
* Fight Axis powers on multiple fronts
* Italy as the “soft underbelly” of Europe
* Soviet “scorched earth” policy to deny Germans any resources
* Island-hopping in the Pacific
* Strategic & incendiary bombing raids
* Convoy system & U.S. industrial aid to Allies

**Axis Powers*** Knock out France, then turn resources to USSR
* Gain control of Middle Eastern oil
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| **Turning Points** | **Homefront** |
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| **Battle/Event** | **Significance** |
| Pearl Harbor, 1941El-Alamein, 1942Midway, 1942Stalingrad, 1942-43Anzio, 1944D-Day, 1944 | U.S. declared warDenied Middle Eastern oil to GermansCrippled Japanese fleetSoviets stopped German advanceOpened southern front in EuropeOpened western front in Europe |

 | * Rationing, quotas, price controls, war bonds, income taxes
* Censorship & stereotypes in war propaganda
* Rosie the Riveter, African American migration, Bracero program
* March on Washington Movement… Executive Order 8802
* Executive Order 9066… Japanese American internment
* Post-war GI Bill, baby boom, suburbanization, middle class
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| **End of War** | **Non-Treaty Results** |
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| **Europe** | **Pacific** |
| Battle of Berlin… Hitler’s suicide… V-E Day | Atomic bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki… Japanese surrender… V-J Day |

 | * Cold War, Iron Curtain, nuclear arms race
* United Nations & Universal Declaration of Human Rights
* Nuremburg & Tokyo Trials
* Creation of state of Israel
* European reconstruction: Marshall Plan
* Japanese reconstruction: MacArthur
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