**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 |
| **Turning Points** | **Homefront** |
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| **End of War** | **Non-Treaty Results** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **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 |