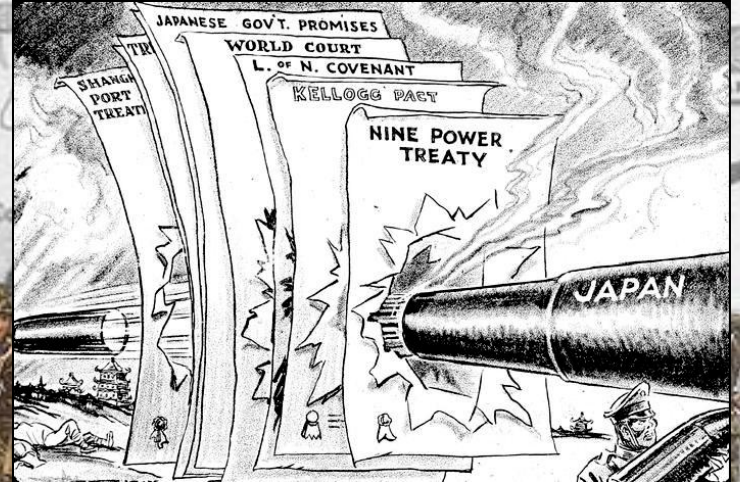


World War II

An overview from start to finish

The Phony War

- Axis Powers begin aggressive movements without being checked
 - Germany
 - Rhineland March, 1936
 - Austria 1938
 - Sudetenland 1939
 - Japan
 - Manchuria 1931
 - China 1937



World War II Begins When...

- Germany Attacks Poland (Sept 1939)
 - Britain and France declare war on Germany
- Italy attacks British in Egypt (Sept 1940)
- Japan attacks UK holdings in the Pacific and American navy at Pearl Harbor (Dec 1941)



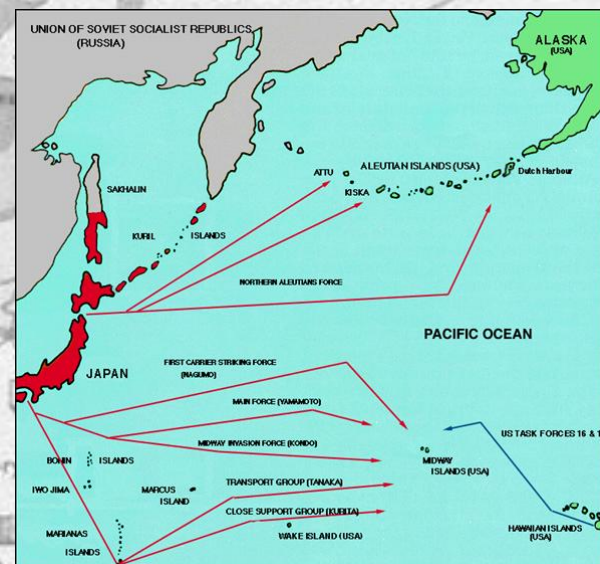
World War II 1939-1942

- War goes VERY badly for Allies
 - France Falls (June 1940)
 - British mostly kicked out of Asia by 1942 (except India)
 - Narrowly repulse Japanese move against Australia
 - Germans on outskirts of Moscow
 - Japan controls large portions of Pacific
 - China
 - Philippines
 - Indo-China
 - South Pacific Islands



Turning Points

- Battle of Midway (June 1942)
 - Japanese navy mostly destroyed by Americans
- Battle of Britain (1940-1942)
 - RAF prevents German invasion of Britain
- Battle of Stalingrad (Feb 1942)
 - Russian begin pushing Germans back
- Operation Torch ('42-'43)
 - Americans invade Africa and push against Germans with help of British



1942-1945 Allied Offensive

- Island Hopping
 - American Navy and Marines slowly work their way towards Japanese Home Islands
- 1934-1944
 - American and British invade Sicily and then Italy itself
- June 1944
 - Americans, British, Canadians invade France



End of the War

- Rome taken June 5, 1944
 - Italy surrenders Sept 1943
- Paris re-taken August 25, 1944
- Berlin is sieges April 1945
 - Germany surrenders May 1945
- Okinawa taken April 1945
 - Japan surrenders Sept 1945

