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Victory for the Allies

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Understand the reasons for the final defeat of the Nazis.
- Describe how the Allies began to push back the Japanese in the Pacific.
- Explain how the dropping of the atomic bombs ended the war.
- Describe the aftermath of World War II and the founding of the United Nations

Victory in Europe

Guerrilla soldiers capture Mussolini & execute him in Italy

Allied forces make it into Berlin, Hitler commits suicide in an underground bunker

May 8, 1945- V-E Day- Victory in Europe



War was won with American industry, oil scarcity, allied bombing, & hindered German production

Battles in the Pacific

Japan takes over the Philippines & implements the **Bataan Death March**- forced march that killed 10,000 prisoners.

The U.S. takes the island at Guadalcanal & begins **island-hopping**- capturing islands one by one to get closer to Japan

Douglas MacArthur takes command of the U.S. forces & moves towards Japan

Japan, facing defeats, swear that they will never surrender



End of the War

Japan uses **kamikaze** pilots- pilots take suicide missions & slam planes into warships

The Battles of Iwo Jima & Okinawa showed that Japanese forces would fight to the death



American officials begin to estimate that a land invasion into Japan would cost over a million casualties

Scientists in the military began to theorize that they could split an atom to create energy

Manhattan Project

A team of allied scientists begin the top secret **Manhattan Project** to complete the first atomic bomb

Truman began to analyze the issue of war, & weighed the possibility to use the bomb



The test of the bomb showed a destructive force the world had never seen before

The U.S. warns Japan to surrender or face “complete & utter destruction. Japan ignores



The Bomb Drops

August 6th, 1945- The United States drops a bomb on [Hiroshima](#) instantly killing 70,000 people

Truman warns for another surrender & the Soviet Union invades Manchuria. Japan ignores the warning again



August 9th 1945- The U.S. drops another atomic bomb on [Nagasaki](#) killing 40,000 people

Emperor Hirohito forces the government to surrender & on September 2, 1945 & World War II ends

Aftermath of the War

**The war killed 50 million people around the world.
Refugees wander a destroyed Europe**

**The world was horrified by the brutality of the Nazi
Holocaust**

Nuremberg Trials- Nearly 200 Germans &
Austrians tried for war crimes.

**The trials showed the dangers of totalitarian
governments & militarism**

**Allied forces began to build new governments
across Europe & strengthen peace in the
world**

United Nations

**1945 delegates from 50 nations draft a charter
for a **United Nations (UN)****

**The United Nations sets up votes to ensure
peace for the world & set up sanctions**



**The United Nations today deals with human rights
issues, economic development, health, &
education today**