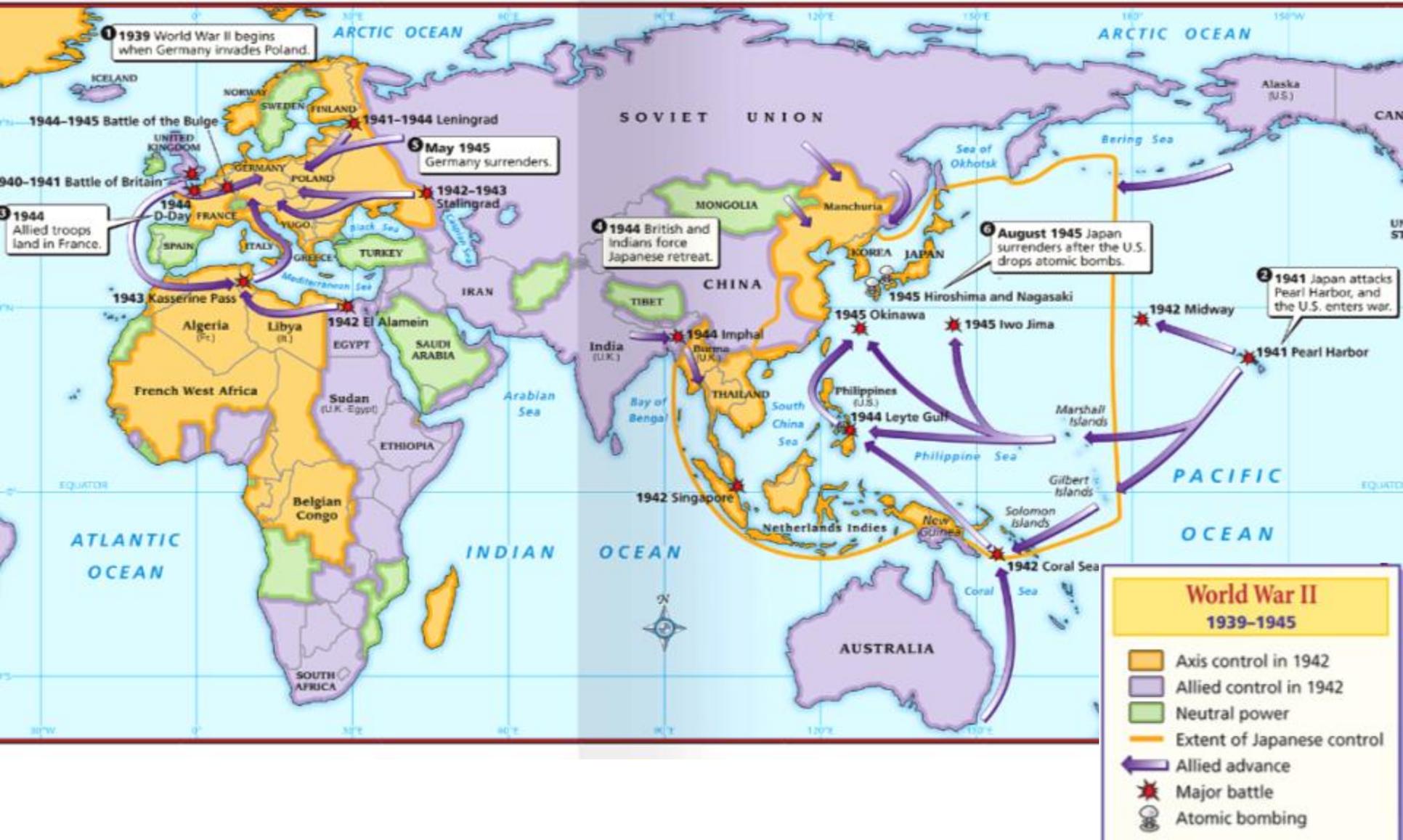




- Essential Question:

- What were the major events of World War II from 1942 to 1945?

From 1939 to 1942, the Axis Powers dominated Europe, North Africa, & Asia



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Germany used blitzkrieg tactics to dominate Eastern & Western Europe



England was wounded from German attacks in the Battle of Britain

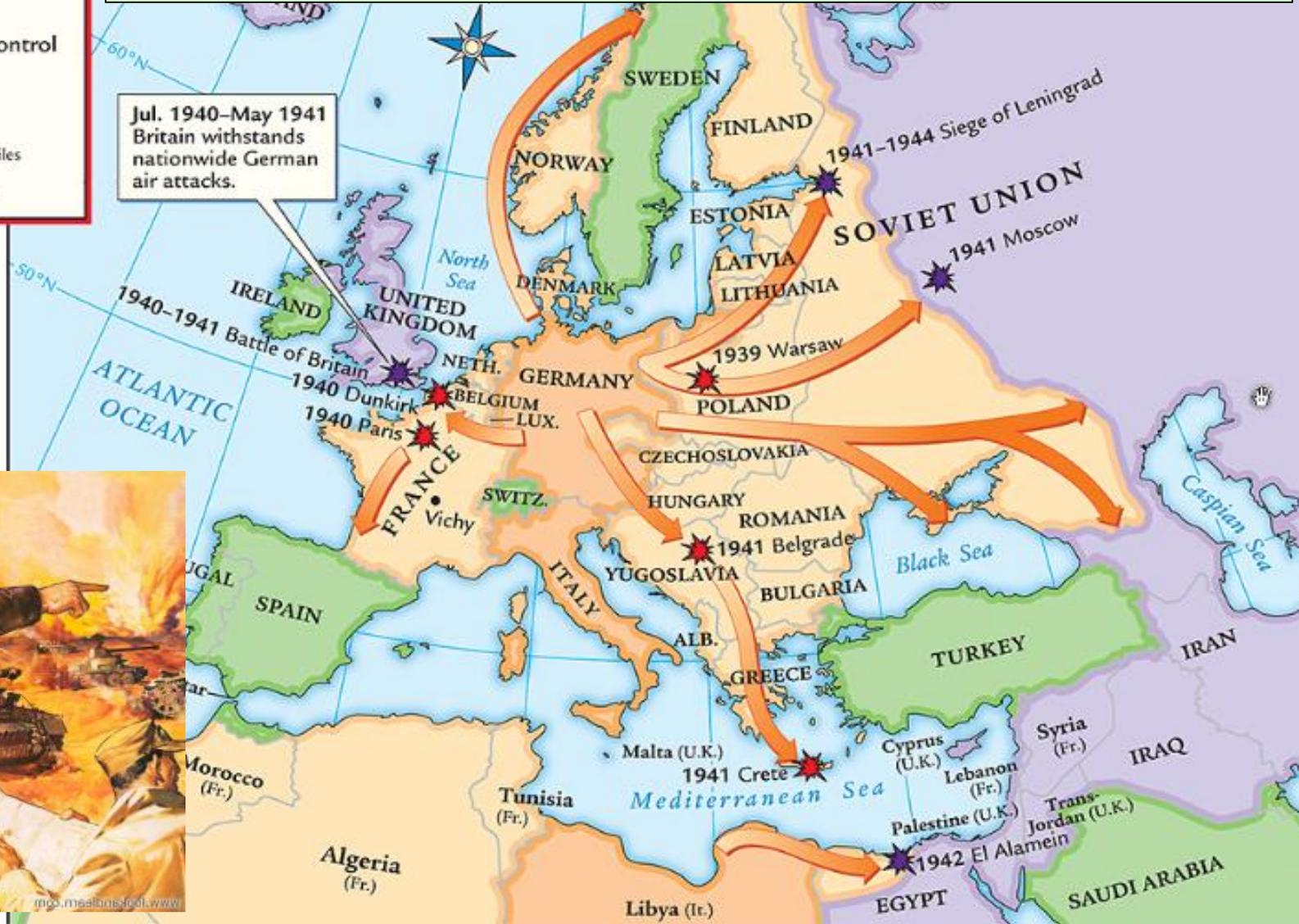
Hitler broke the Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Pact & marched into Russia

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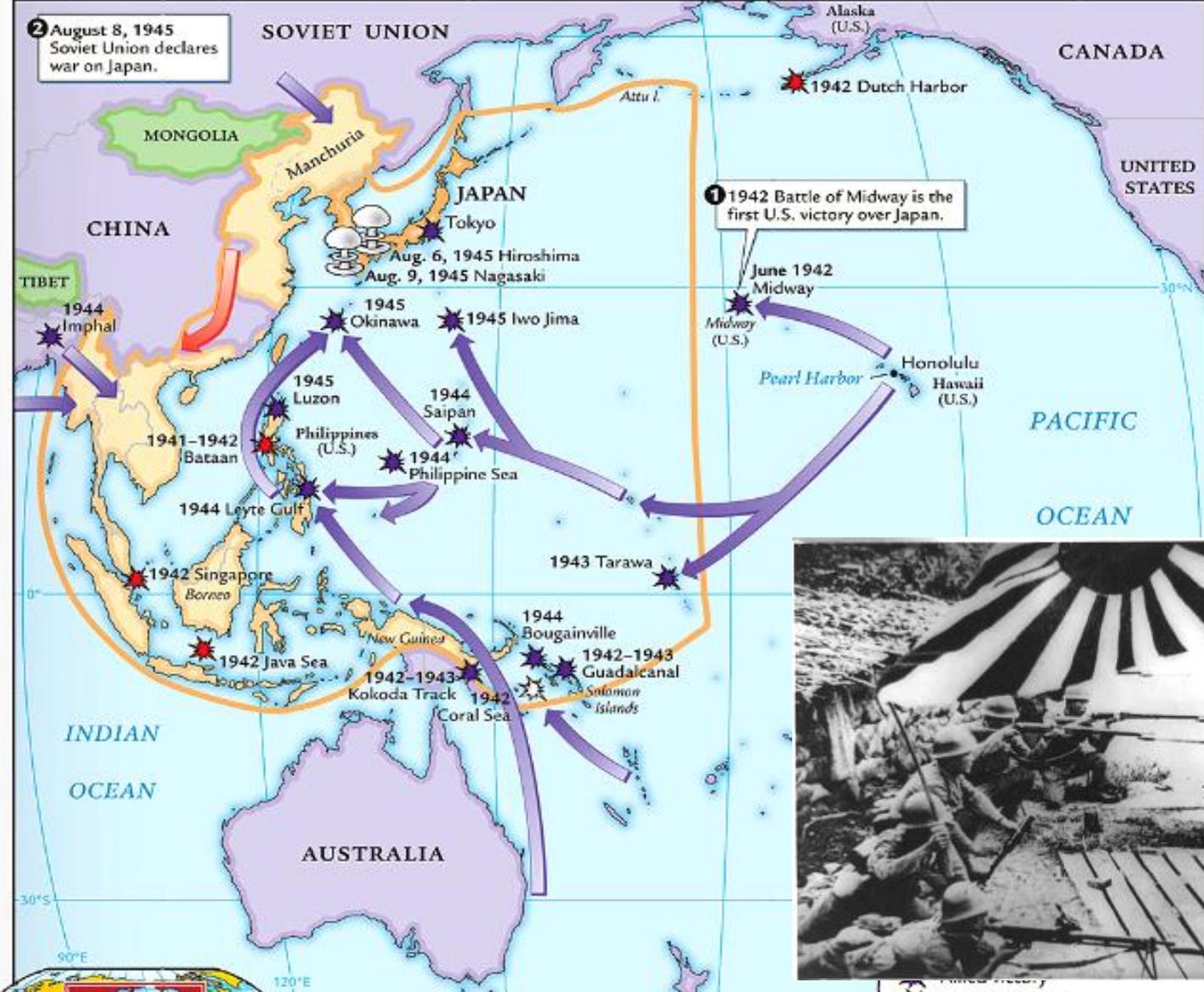
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The German & Italian armies dominated Northern Africa, threatened the Suez Canal & the oil fields in the Middle East



Jul. 1940–May 1941
Britain withstands nationwide German air attacks.





The Japanese dominated Asia, crippled the U.S. navy after the Pearl Harbor attack, & seized most Western colonies in the Pacific

However, the Allied Powers began to turn the tide of the war in 1942 & defeated the Axis Powers by 1945

Events of World War II

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VICTORY IN EUROPE 1942-1945

- Axis power and occupied area, January 1, 1945
- Allied power
- Neutral power
- Allied advance on Germany
- Axis victory
- Allied victory
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American & British troops invaded Italy, took Sicily in 1943, seized Rome in 1944



Germany instead Britain & USA
 In 1945, Mussolini was captured & executed by the Italian resistance



In 1943, Joseph Stalin (USSR), Franklin Roosevelt (USA), & Winston Churchill (Britain) met in Tehran to coordinate a plan to defeat Germany

At the Tehran Conference, the “Big Three” agreed to open a second front to divide the German army



By 1944, the Allies decided to open a Western Front by invading Nazi-occupied France

Operation Overlord (called D-Day) in June 1944 was the largest land & sea attack in history



D-DAY
JUNE 6, 1944

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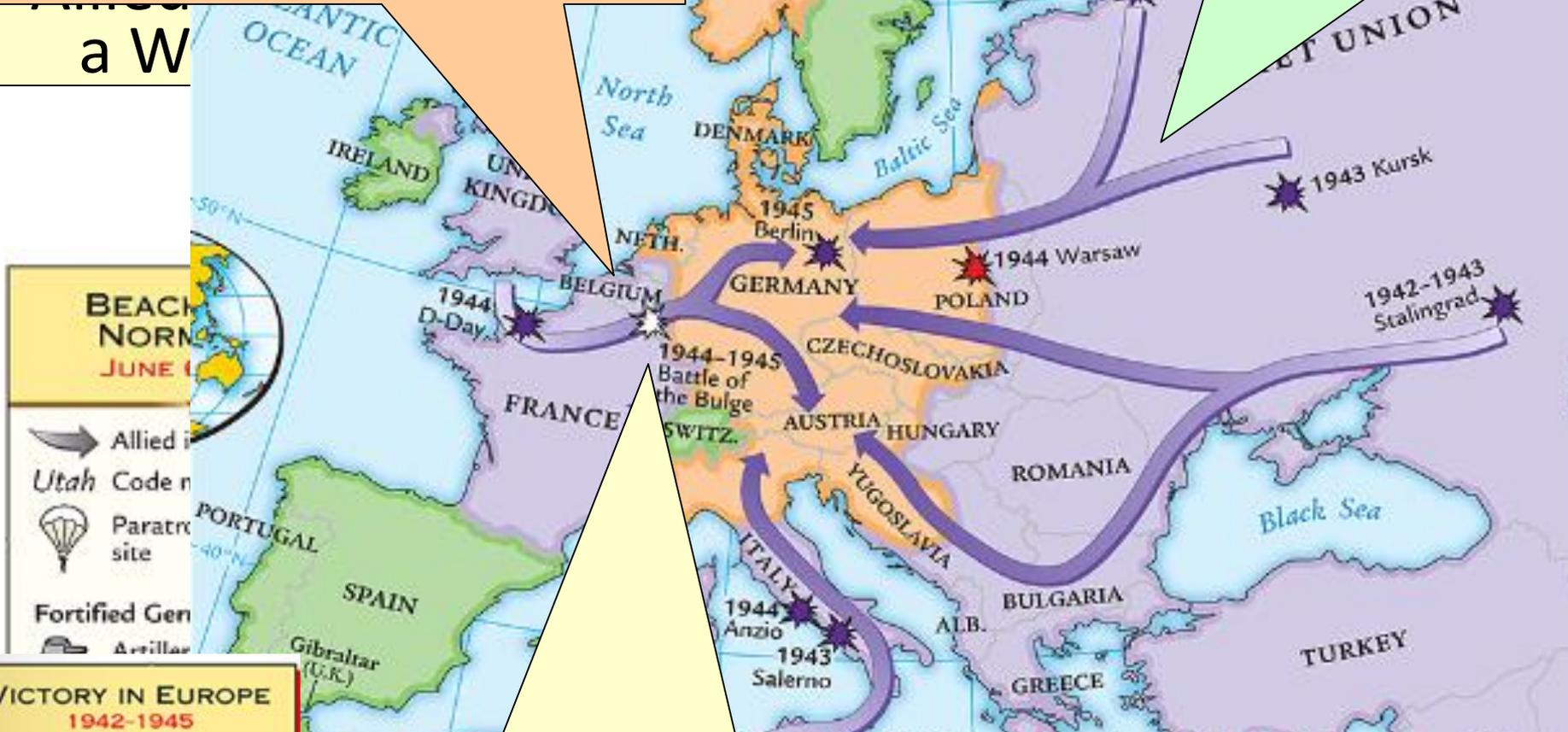
Axis power	Allied Invasion Routes
Axis-occupied area	
Allied power	U.S.
Neutral power	British
German fortification	Canadian
Minefield in English Channel	

0 50 100 miles
0 50 100 kilometers

The invasion at Normandy, the largest sea invasion in history, launched the Allied western assault. German forces, expecting the invasion at the Strait of Dover, were caught short-handed at Normandy.

...and allowed the Allies to push towards Germany from the West

At the same time, the Soviet army pushed from the East



Forced to fight a two-front war, Hitler ordered a massive counter-attack at the Battle of the Bulge..but lost

By March 1945, the Allies were fighting in Germany & pushing towards Berlin

In February 1945, the “Big Three” met at the Yalta Conference to create a plan for Europe after the war was over

Stalin agreed to send troops to help the U.S. invade Japan

They agreed to allow self-determination (free elections) in nations freed from Nazi rule

They agreed to occupy Germany after the war

They agreed to create & join a United Nations



As the Allies pushed into Germany & Poland, troops discovered & liberated concentration & death camps

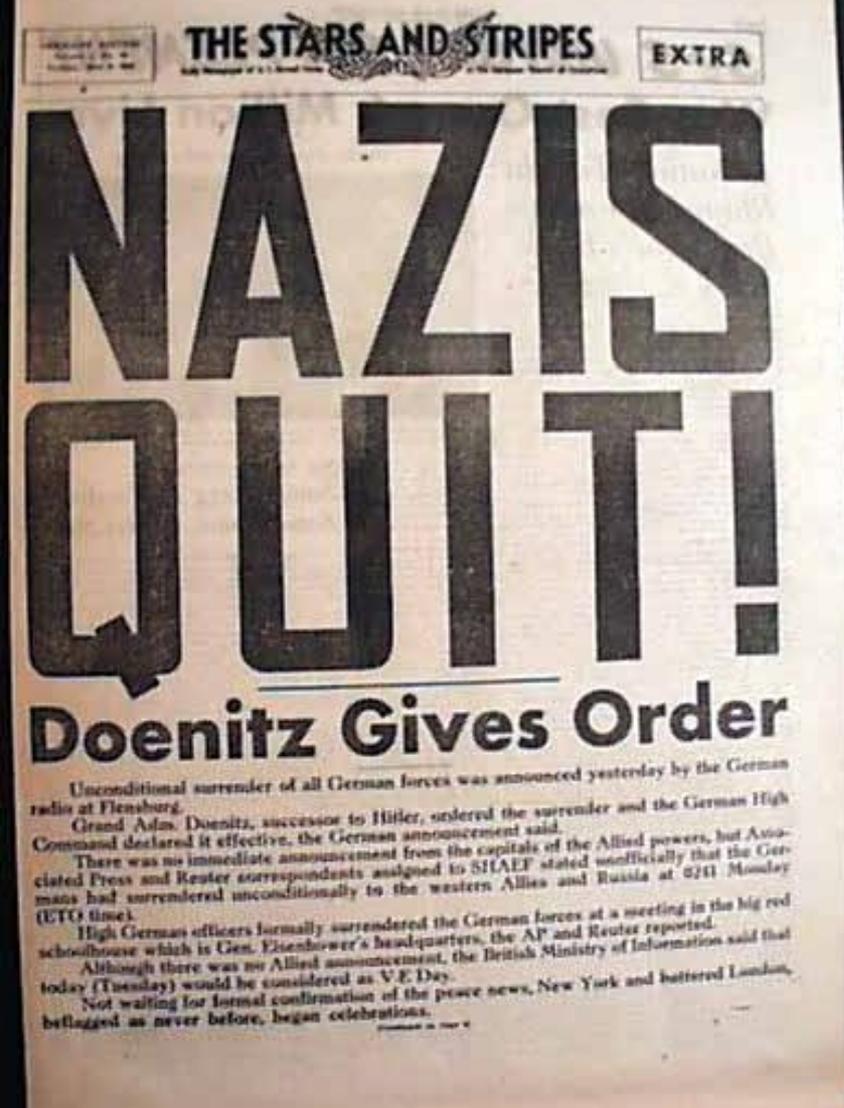


- General Government
- Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia
- Concentration Camps
- Extermination Camps
- Extermination and Concentration Camps

In April 1945, the Soviet army captured Berlin

On April 30, 1945, Hitler committed suicide

On May 9, 1945, the German government signed an unconditional surrender to the Allies



While the war was coming to an end in Europe, the Allies continued to fight the Japanese in the Pacific

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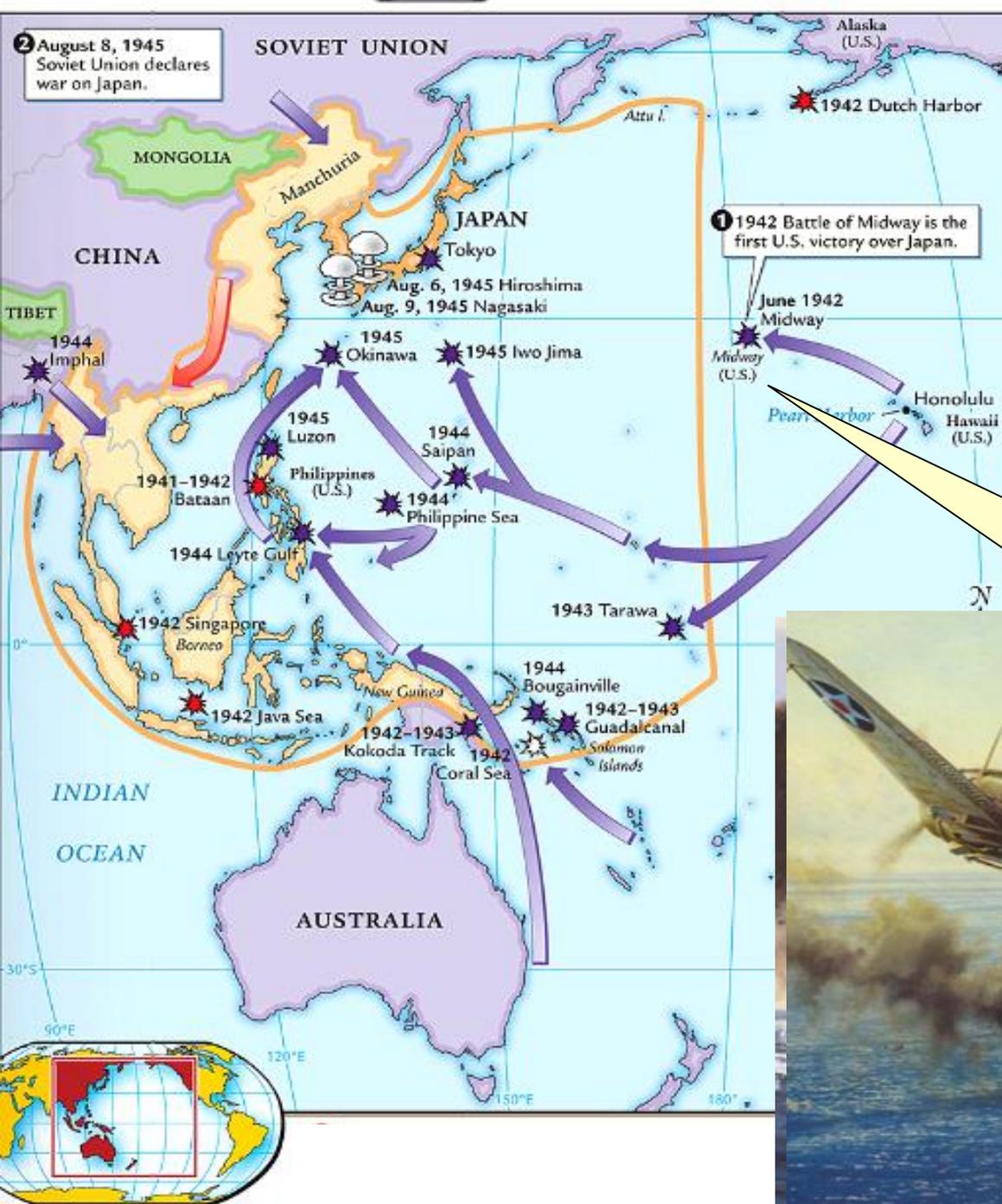
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After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the USA sent troops to the Pacific theater

The Pacific war revealed a new kind of fighting by using aircraft carriers

The turning point in the war in the Pacific came at the Battle of Midway

After Midway, the Allies began to regain islands controlled by Japan



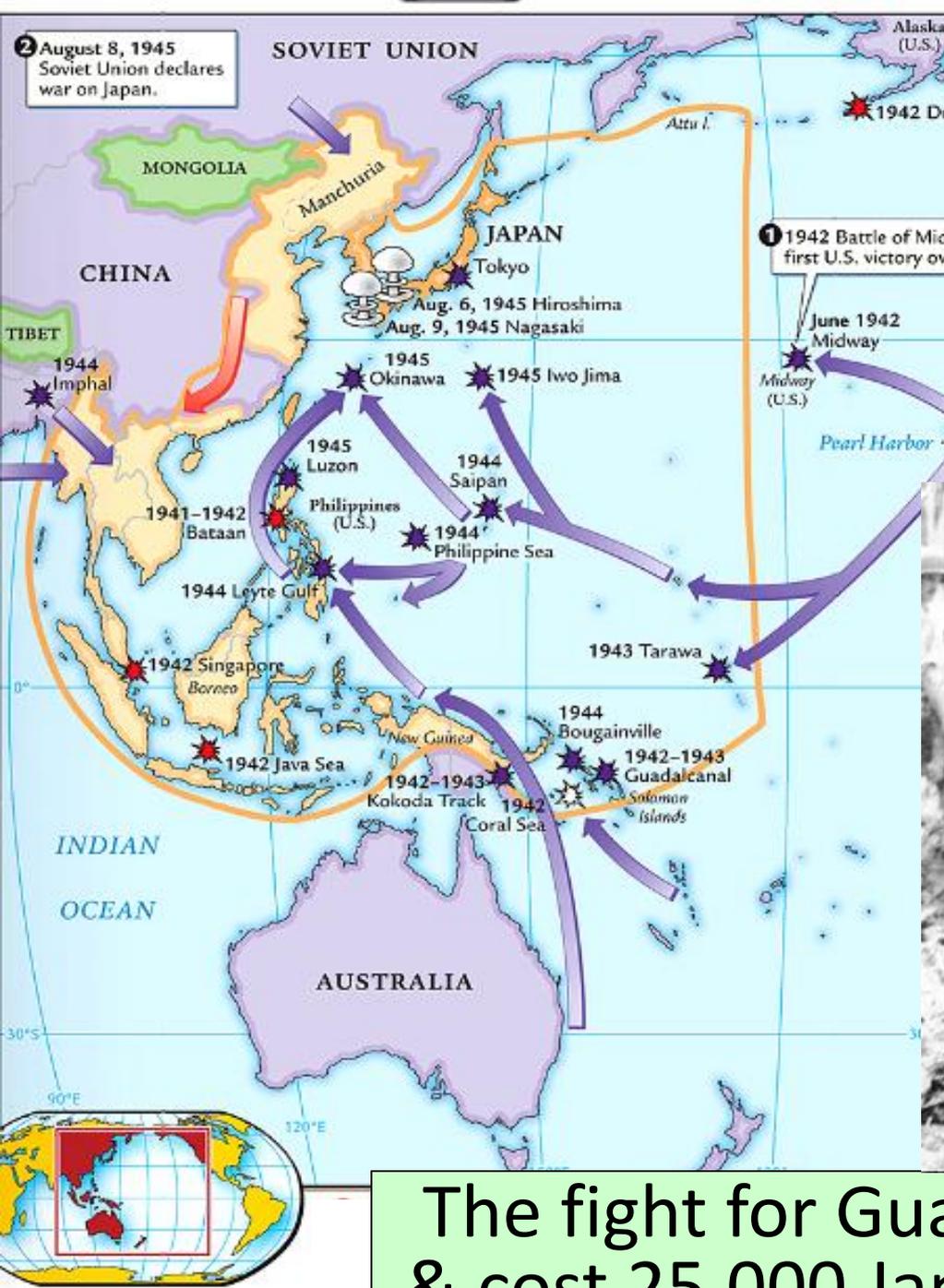
Japan did not play by traditional rules in war



“Kamikaze” pilots flew planes into battleships & aircraft carriers



Japanese soldiers refused to surrender & tortured Allied prisoners of war



The problem for the Allies was the time & troops it would cost to retake the thousands of islands the Japanese controlled in the Pacific

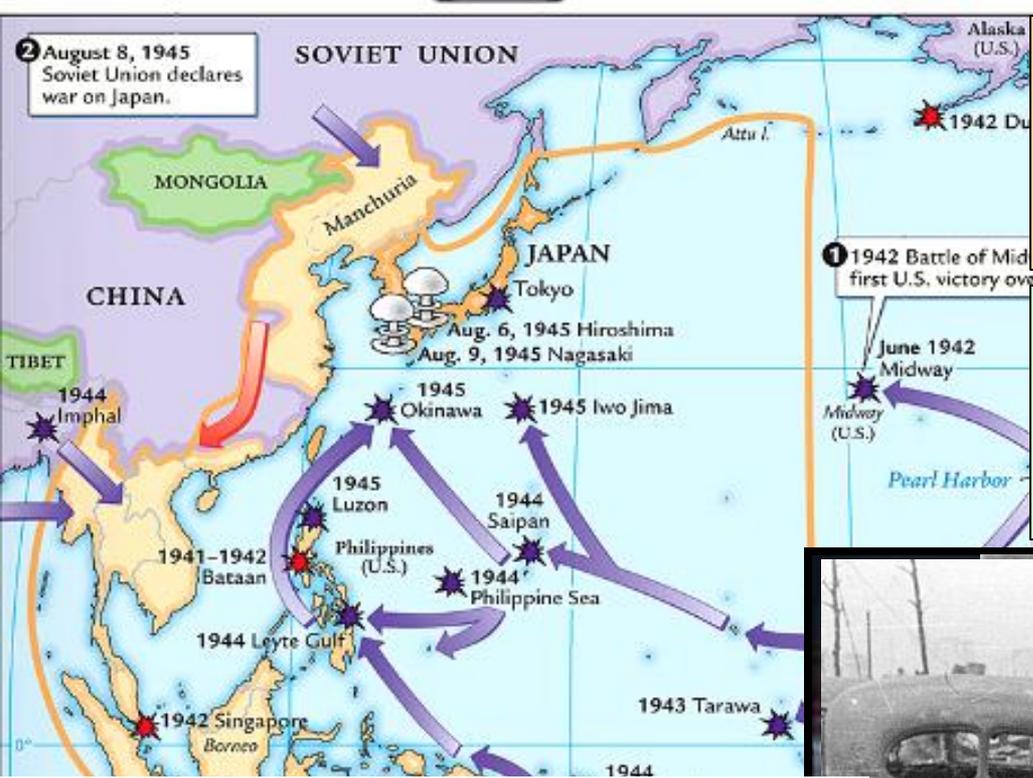
The U.S. developed an island-hopping strategy to skip the heavily defended islands & seize islands close to Japan

From 1943 to 1945, the Allies took back the Philippines & were moving in on Japan

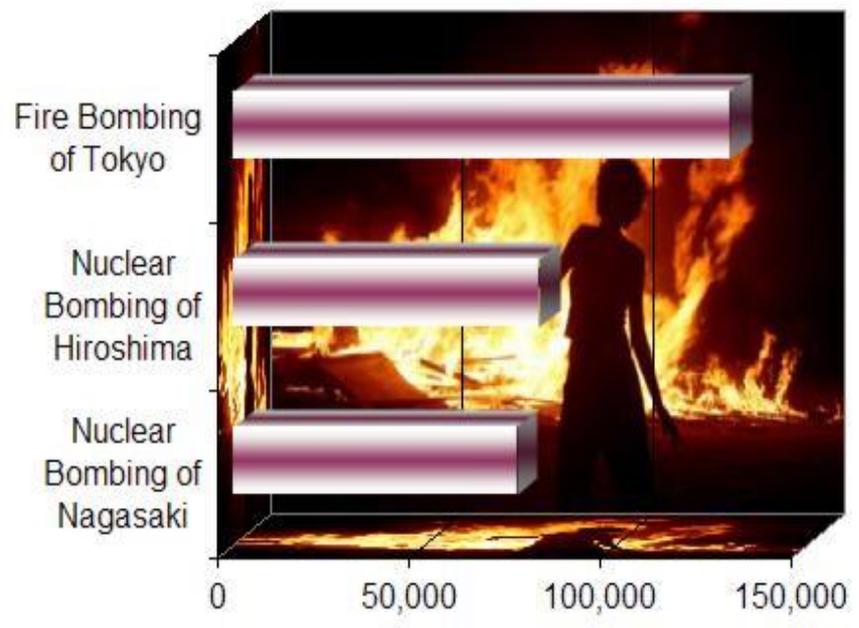
The fight for Guadalcanal & cost 25,000 Japanese & 2,000 U.S. lives

In 1945, the Allies won the islands of Iwo Jima & Okinawa

From these islands, the U.S. began firebombing Japanese cities



Victims of Tokyo firebombing





Despite losing control of the Pacific & withstanding firebomb attacks, Japan refused to surrender

By May 1945, the war in Europe was over & U.S. began preparing for a land invasion of Japan

VICTORY OVER JAPAN 1942-1945

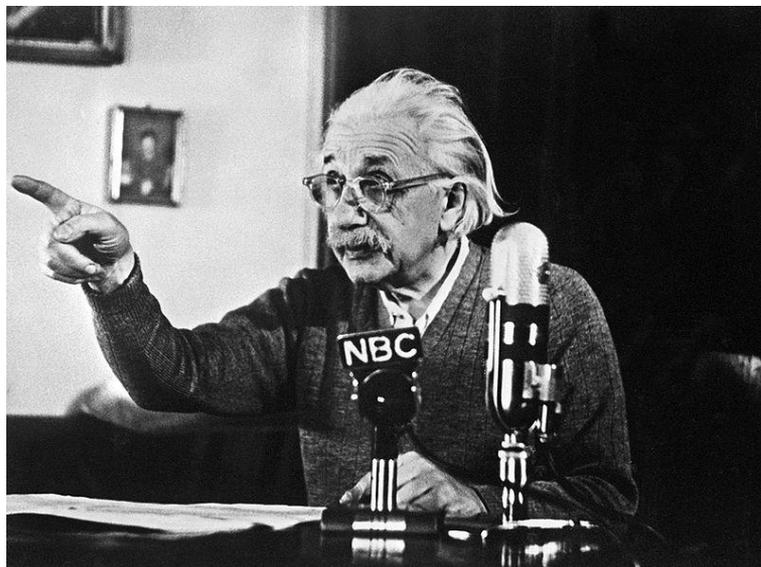
- ★
- Japan (Axis)
- Occupied by Japan by May, 1942
- Allied power
- Neutral power
- Maximum Japanese control
- Expansion of Japanese control, 1944
- Allied advance
- Axis victory
- Allied victory
- No clear victor
- Atomic bomb attack

...But, perhaps a land invasion was not necessary...

the first atomic bombs

In 1939, Albert Einstein wrote U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt about the potential to build a nuclear weapon

FDR created a top-secret program called the Manhattan Project



Albert Einstein
Old Grove Rd.
Massau Point
Peconic, Long Island

August 2nd, 1939

F.D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
White House
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Some recent work by E.Fermi and L. Szilard, which has been communicated to me in manuscript, leads me to expect that the element uranium may be turned into a new and important source of energy in the immediate future. Certain aspects of the situation which has arisen seem to call for watchfulness and, if necessary, quick action on the part of the Administration. I believe therefore that it is my duty to bring to your attention the following facts and recommendations:

In the course of the last four months it has been made probable - through the work of Joliot in France as well as Fermi and Szilard in America - that it may become possible to set up a nuclear chain reaction in a large mass of uranium, by which vast amounts of power and large quantities of new radium-like elements would be generated. Now it appears almost certain that this could be achieved in the immediate future.

This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable - though much less certain - that extremely powerful bombs of a new type may thus be constructed. A single bomb of this type, carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory. However, such bombs might very well prove to be too heavy for transportation by air.

ROOSEVELT DEAD!

Cerebral Hemorrhage Proves Fatal; President Truman Sworn in Office

Yerks Near
Suburb Area
of Berlin



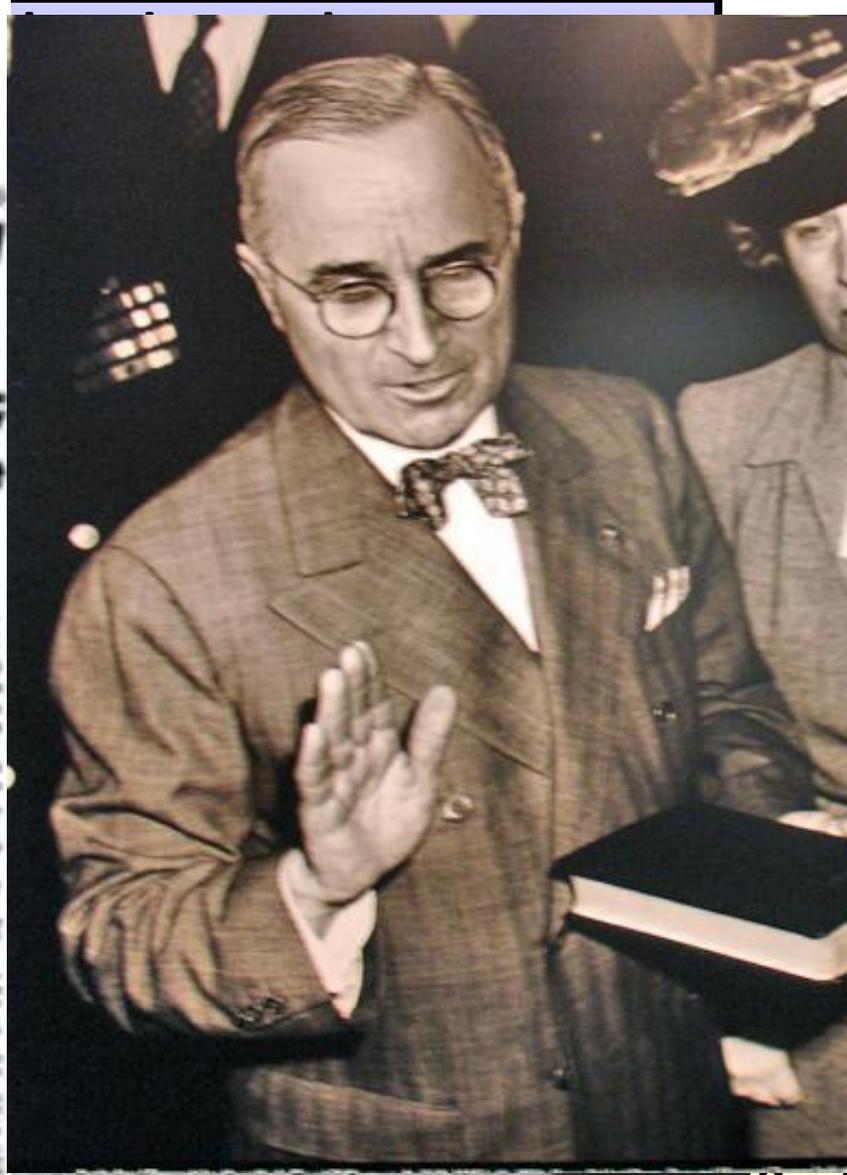
Emergency Cabinet Session Summoned; Parley Plan in Doubt

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Truman took oath of office as President at 12:05 p.m. today.



In April 1945, FDR died & his VP Harry Truman had to decide how to end the war in the Pacific

How to End the War?

Critical Thinking Activity

- Assume the role of an advisor to President Truman & help him decide how to end the war:
 - Identify the main problem
 - Brainstorm possible alternatives to solve the problem
 - For each possibility, think of one positive & one negative consequence
 - Identify the one best solution & be prepared to present your advice

In July 1945, the Big Three met at the Potsdam Conference to discuss the end of WWII

Truman learned the atomic bomb was ready & issued the Potsdam Declaration to Japan: "surrender or face destruction"



When Japan refused to surrender, Truman ordered the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945

After 3 days, Japan did not surrender so a 2nd atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki

After the second atomic bomb, Emperor Hirohito agreed to a surrender

THE STARS AND STRIPES EXTRA
AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST
CAIRO Wednesday, August 16, 1945
IT'S ALL OVER!
Truman Announces Japs' Unconditional Surrender

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (Army News Service)—Japan has officially accepted the Allied terms for unconditional surrender without qualification, President Truman announced Tuesday, at 1900 hours.

The surrender will be accepted by General MacArthur when arrangements can be completed. The terms provide that authority of the Emperor shall be retained in the Japanese Constitution of the Allied Powers with the Emperor issuing such orders as the Supreme Commander requires.

Gen. MacArthur will be Allied Supreme Commander in Japan. Other terms to set forth in the Potsdam Declaration will be retention of territory and interests of those who have desired and aided people of Japan less embracing in world conquest, occupation by Allies of designated points in Japanese territory, including of Japanese territory to limit and insure strict compliance of all Japanese forces, removal of all obstacles to peace, "democratic reforms" among Japanese people, and withdrawal of all foreign troops from such as their activities have been unscrupulous and inhumane. Japanese Government has long established.



GEN. HARRY S. TRUMAN
Commander in Chief



GEN. DOUGLAS M. MACARTHUR
Supreme Allied Commander



World War II was over



Conclusions: The Impact of World War II

World War II was the biggest, most deadly, & most impactful war in world history:

- Europe was destroyed by the war & lost its place as the epicenter of power in the world
- The USA & USSR emerged as super powers & rivals competing for influence in the world
- A United Nations was formed to replace the League of Nations to help promote peace
- Colonized nations began to demand independence from Europeans

