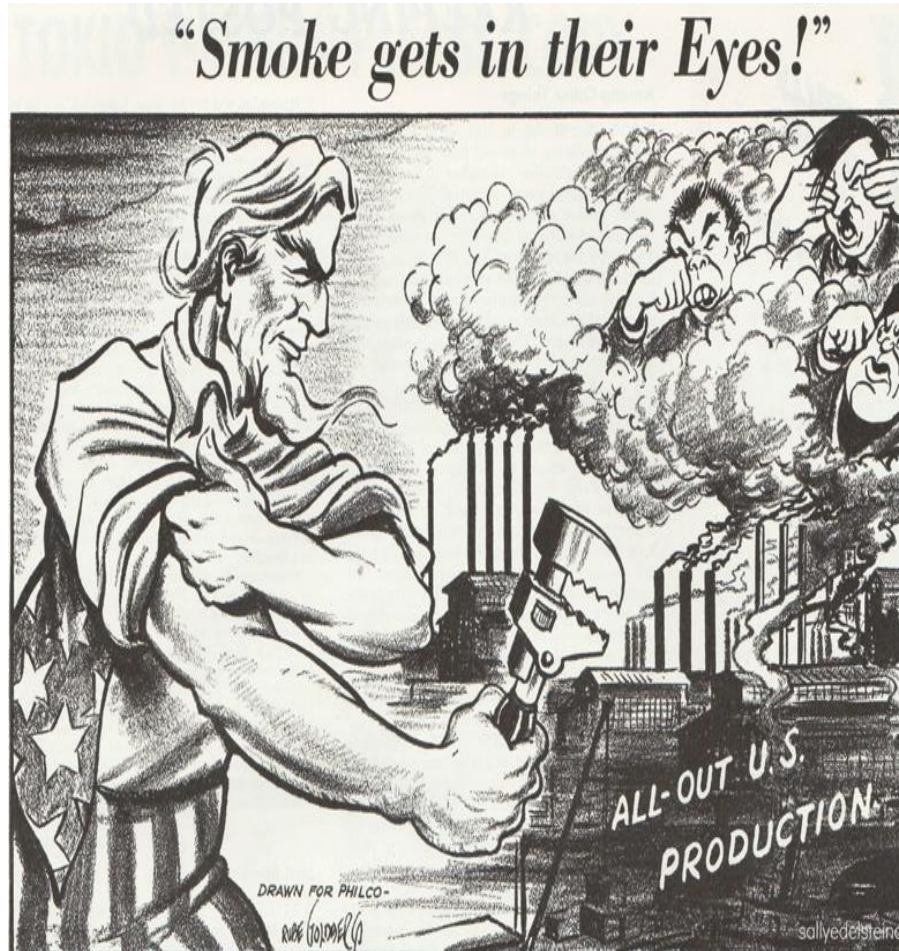


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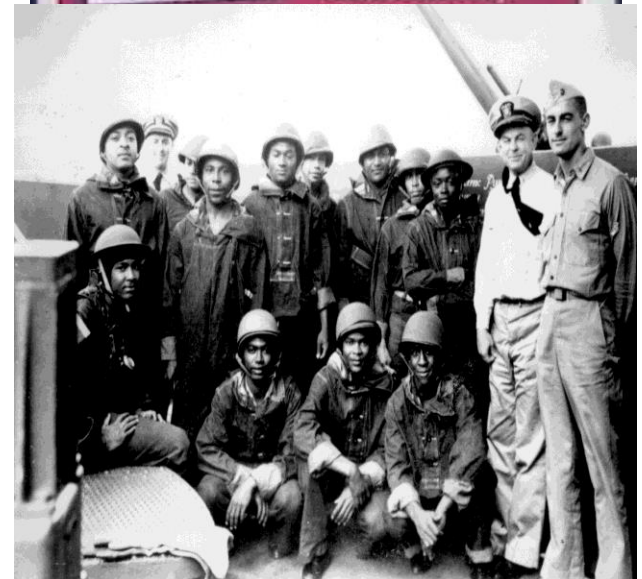
The United States in World War II

Section 1: Mobilizing for Defense



Mobilizing for War

- The Military
 - 5 million volunteer, 10 million drafted
 - George Marshall :
 - Women's Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)
 - Non-combat roles:
 - Minority Groups
 - Hypocrisy of fighting for freedom when denied it at home
 - Segregated units for:
 - Japanese Americans:



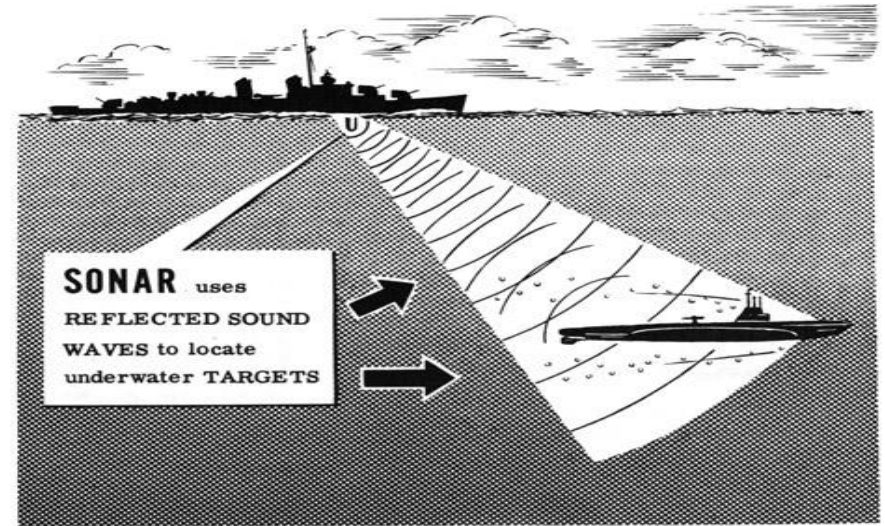
Mobilizing for War

- Converting Factories
 - End of automobile production for private use in Feb. 1942
 - Other factories convert as well
 - Rapid :
 - 6 million women & 2 million minorities fill factory jobs
 - Lower :

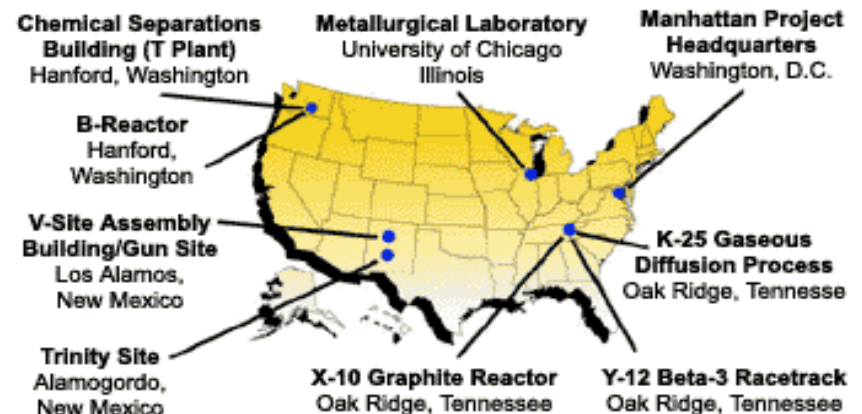


Mobilizing for War

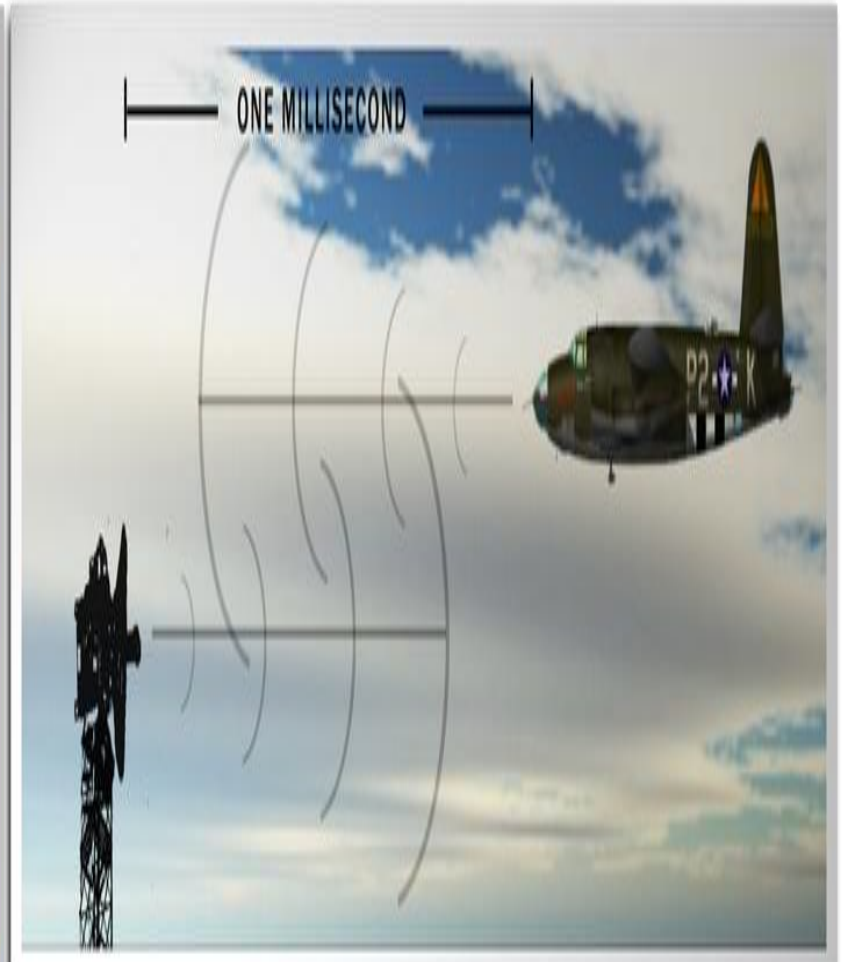
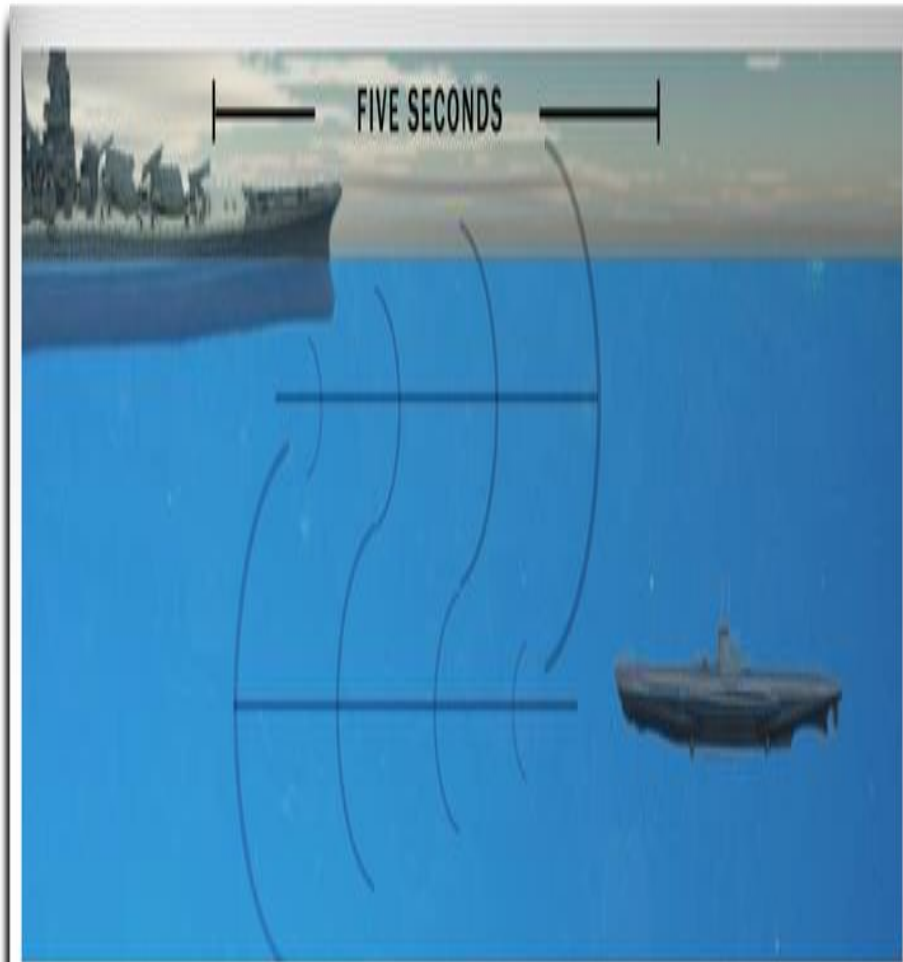
- Developing New Technology
 - Office of Scientific Research and Development
 - Radar, sonar
 - DDT, penicillin
 - Manhattan Project – 1942:



Manhattan Project Signature Facilities

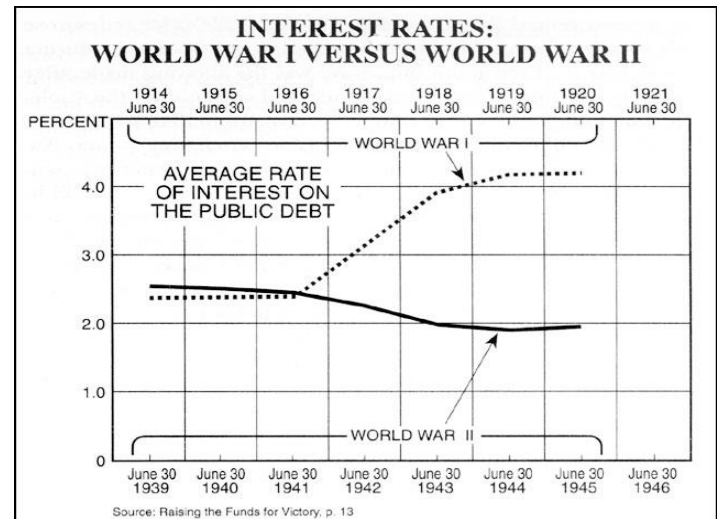
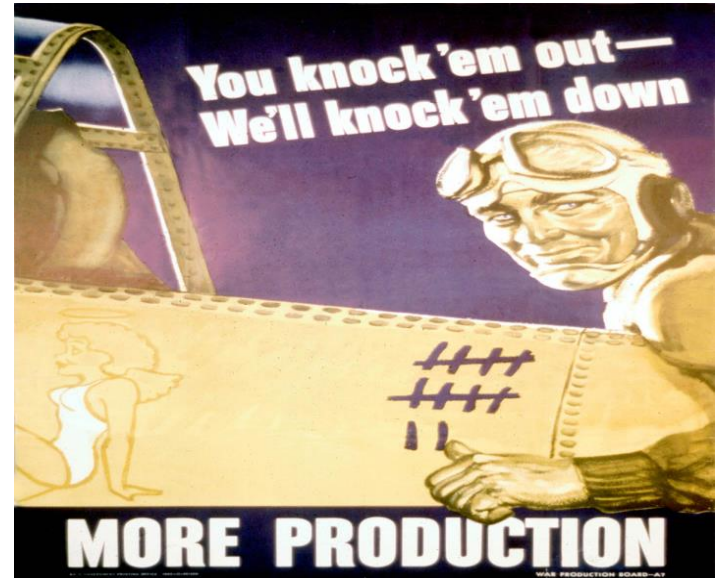


Sonar and Radar



Mobilizing for War

- The Economy
 - Office of Price Administration (OPA)
 - Price :
 - ↑ and extend income taxes = drive ↓ demand and kept inflation ↓
 - rationing
 - War Production Board (WPB)
 - Allocated :



Section 2: The War for Europe and North Africa



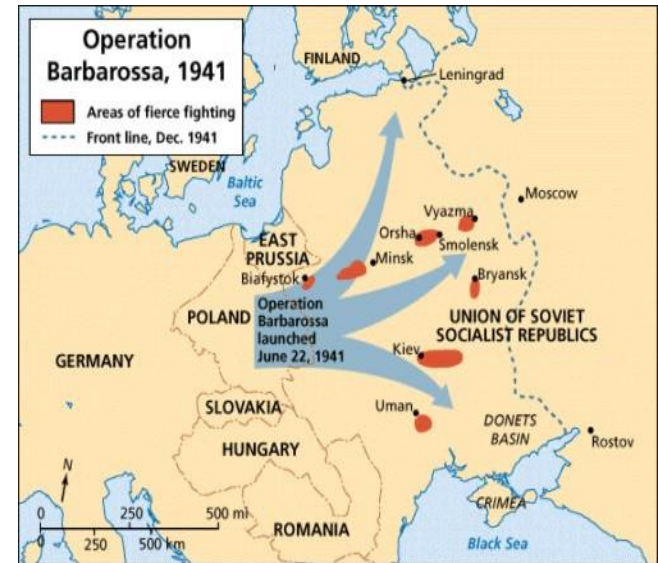
Europe First Strategy

- Roosevelt and Churchill agree Germany & Italy = bigger threats
- Pour resources into Europe first then go back to defeat Japan



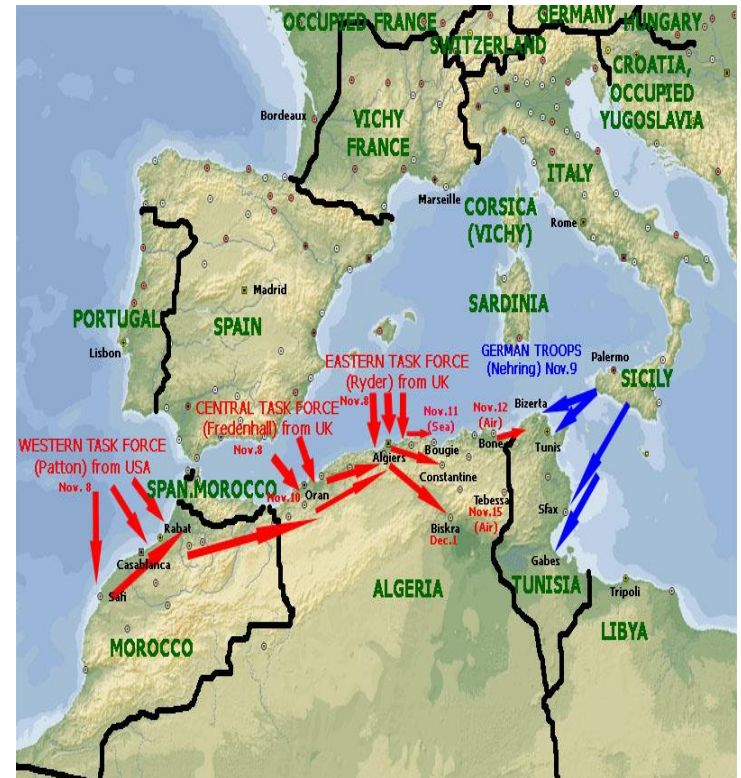
Eastern Front

- Invasion of USSR
 - June 1941 – Hitler breaks Non-Aggression Pact
 - Germans stopped:
- Stalingrad
 - Aug 1942 – Germans bomb city to rubble, but:
 - Germans hold 90% of city by Sept.
 - Winter 1943 – Soviet counterattack traps Germans in city
 - Germans :



Operation Torch

- Opening a 2nd Front
 - Stalin pressures Churchill and Roosevelt to :
- North Africa – Nov. 1942
 - Opt to strike at “soft underbelly of Europe”
 - British and American forces chase Germans led by Erwin Rommel
 - Dwight Eisenhower:



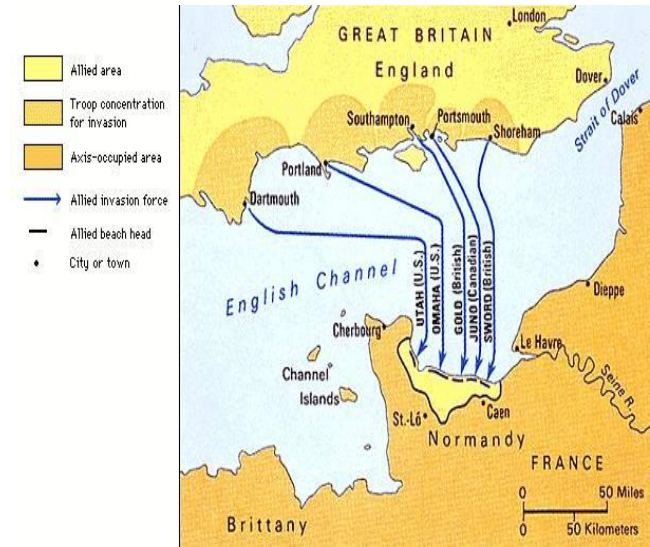
Italian Campaign

- Allied Invasion of Italy
 - Capture of Sicily forces Mussolini's :
 - Mussolini was executed in 1945
- Germans Defend Italy
 - Hitler :
 - Looks to avoid fight on German soil
 - Italy not :



Operation Overlord

- Eisenhower's Plan
 - Cross channel:
 - Germans anticipate landing at Calais
- D-Day
 - June 6, 1944
 - Largest:
 - Sustain heavy casualties, but hold beachheads
 - France :



D-Day



Tide Turns

- March to Germany
 - Germans put on the:
 - Allies enter Germany in Oct. 1944
 - Battle of the Bulge
 - Last-ditch :
- Liberation of Concentration Camps
 - Russians and later Americans uncover horrors of Holocaust



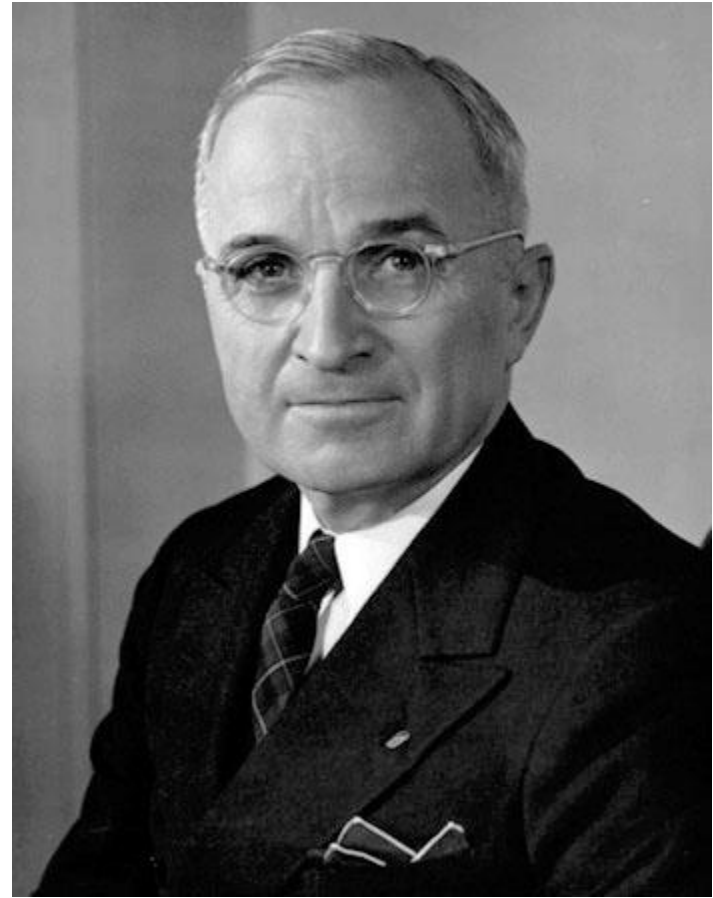
Germany Surrenders

- Soviet Army Reaches Berlin
 - April 1945
- Hitler's Suicide
 - Married Eva Braun and committed suicide the next day in bunker
- V-E Day
 - May 8, 1945:



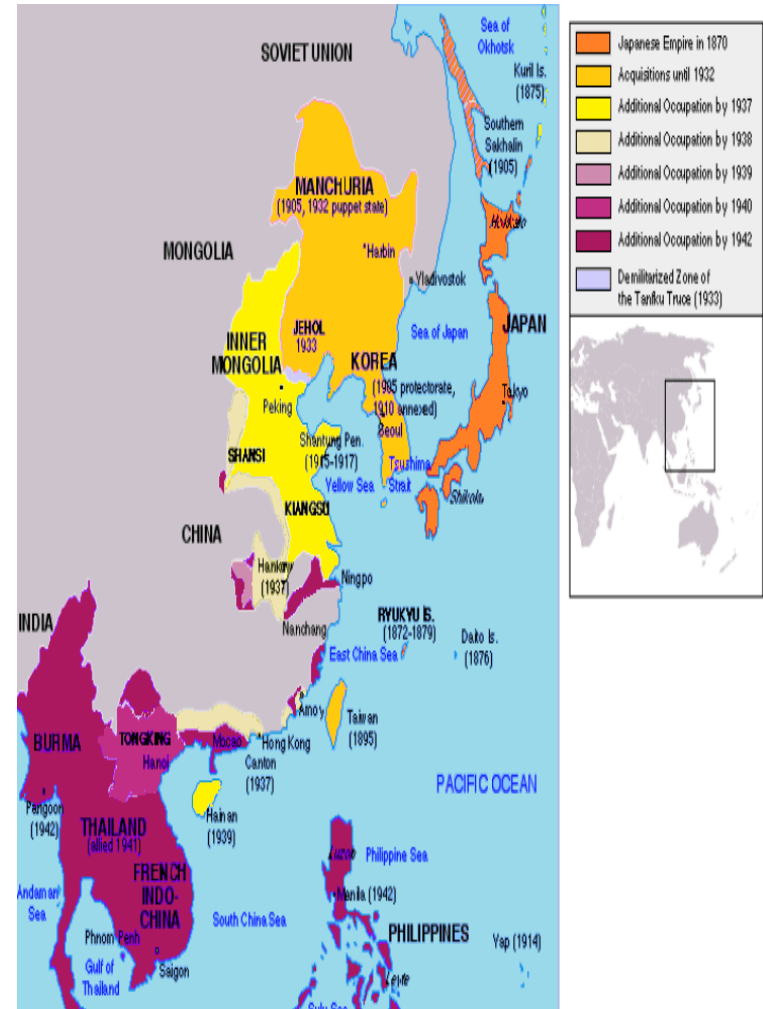
Truman Becomes President

- April 12, 1945
 - Roosevelt dies :
- Harry S. Truman
 - 1st term as VP
 - Former senator from Missouri
 - Knew very little of details regarding how Roosevelt was conducting the war



East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere

- Japan Claims an Empire
 - Moved further inward and south on Asian mainland
 - Conquered islands stretching from :
- Philippines
 - December 1941 – 80,000 Americans and Filipinos fight Japanese invasion
 - March 1942 – MacArthur leaves :



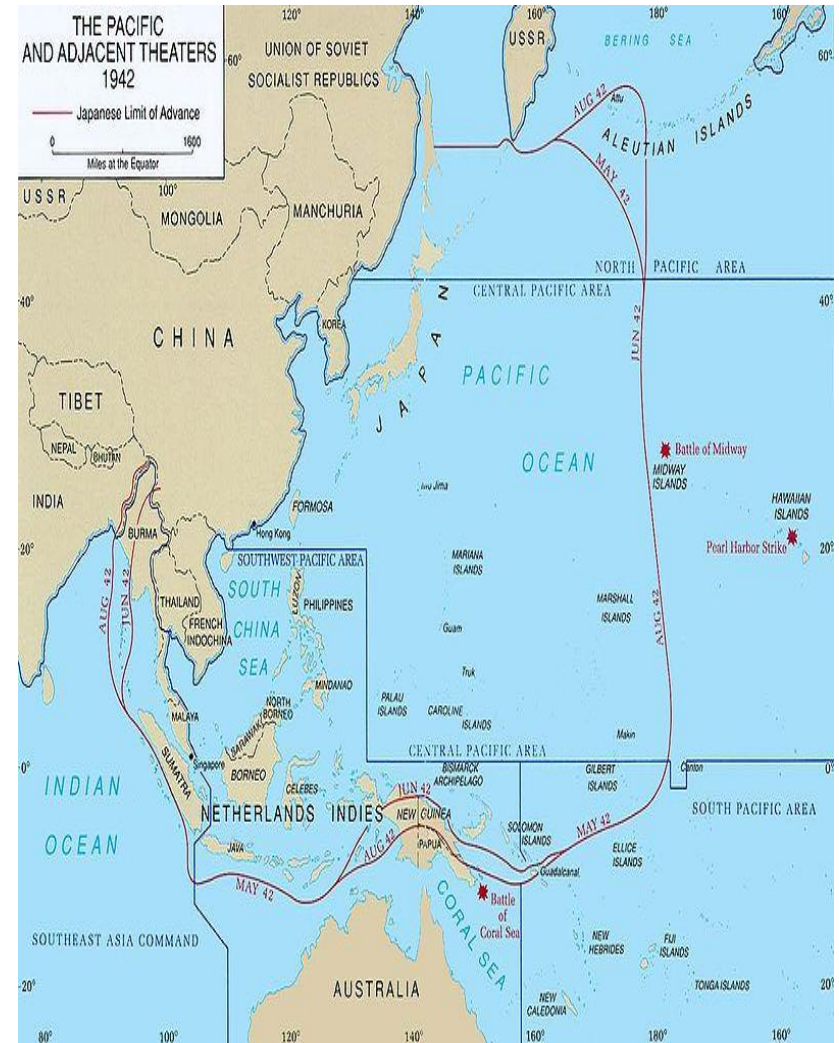
Turning the Tide

- Coral Sea
 - American and Australian forces stop Japanese drive toward Australia
 - 1st naval battle fought :
- Midway
 - Americans break Japanese code
 - Launch devastating surprise torpedo attack
 - Japan:



Island Hopping

- Allied Strategy
 - Take out weaker islands and :
- Guadalcanal
 - 1st Japanese:
- Leyte Gulf
 - MacArthur returns to Philippines in Oct. 1944
 - Kamikaze fighters used
 - Japan's :



Island Hopping

- Iwo Jima

- Strategic significance = close enough to :
- Americans take heavily defended

- Okinawa

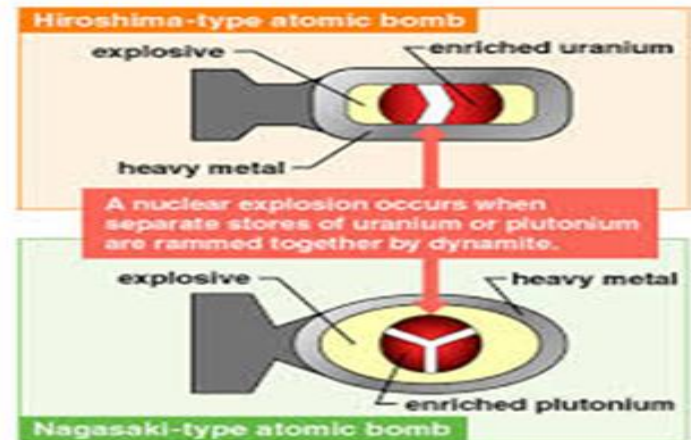
- Kamikazes inflict heavy damage
- Americans sustain heavy losses, Japanese demonstrate fanatical:



Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb

- Manhattan Project Succeeds
 - Top secret weapon successfully tested in:

- Truman's Decision
 - U.S. issues ultimatum to Japanese
 - Four potential cities selected as targets:



Hiroshima and Nagasaki

- August 6, 1945
 - Enola Gay drops “Little Boy” on Hiroshima
 - Levels city
- August 9, 1945
 - “Fat Man” dropped on Nagasaki
 - ½ city leveled
 - Emperor Hirohito:

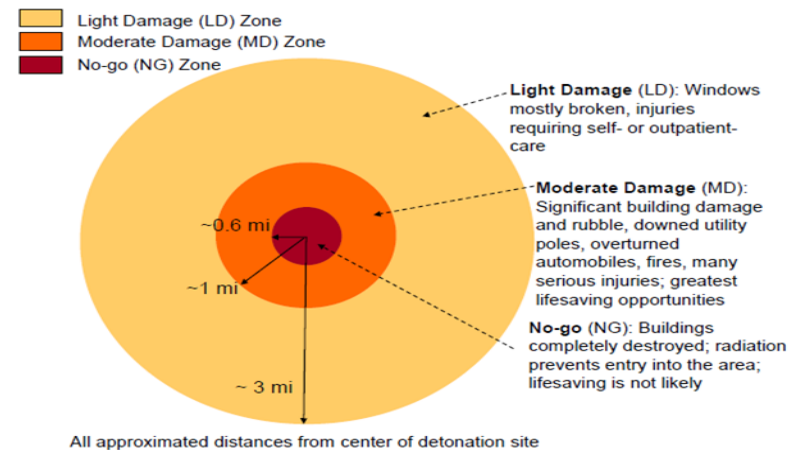
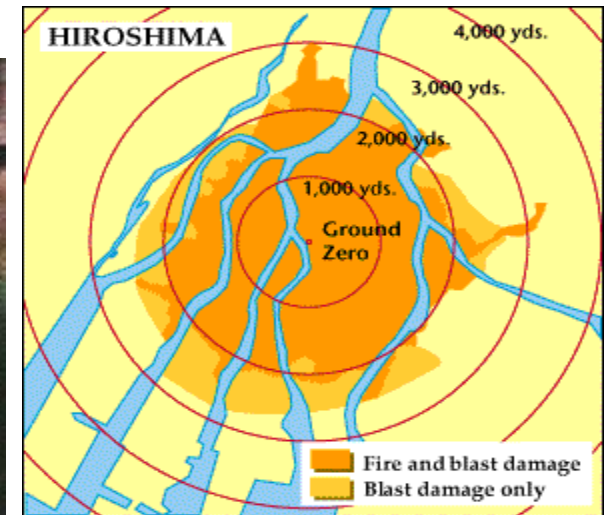


Figure 1.1: Representative damage zones for 10 KT nuclear explosion (not to scale; circles are idealized here for planning purposes)

- <http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2013/08/what-happens-if-a-nuclear-bomb-detonated-in-chicago-2483318.html>
- <http://www.nuclearterror.org/blastmap/index.html>

Bombs Inflict Damage



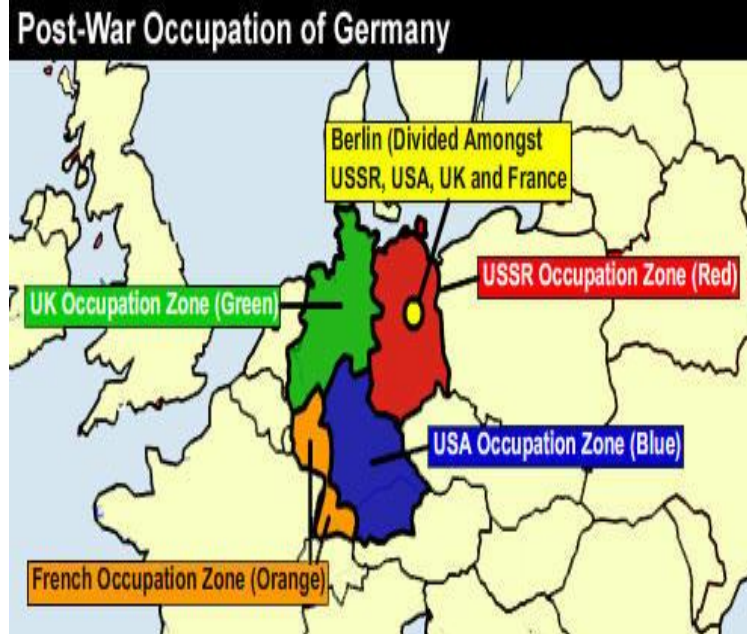
V-J Day

- September 2, 1945
 - General Douglas MacArthur accepts Japan's unconditional surrender aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay



Framework for Peace

- Yalta Conference - 1945
 - Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin
 - Fate of Germany
 - Germany to be temporarily divided into 4 occupation zones
 - Stalin also :
 - War in Pacific
 - Stalin promises to join fight vs. Japan
 - Agreed to participate in conference to est. U.N.



Nuremberg Trials

- 24 Nazi Leaders Tried
 - Charged with perpetrating crimes against humanity
 - 12 :
 - 200 later tried:



<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/nuremberg/NurembergIndictments.html>

Rebuilding Japan

- Japanese war criminals tried
 - 7 sentenced to death
- Seven-year occupation
 - MacArthur reshapes government and economy
 - Democratic and free market
 - New:



POST WORLD WAR II RECOVERY
IN THE AXIS POWERS

