

Lesson 147: WWII Terms

World History

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1. **Nationalism** – extreme belief that one's country is better than another
 2. **Fascism** – form of totalitarian government that promotes nationalism
 3. **Totalitarianism** – government having total control over its citizens' lives
 4. **Nazism** – fascist political party in Germany during the 1930s
 5. **Neutrality Act** – act passed by the US in 1939 declaring our neutrality
 6. **Appeasement** – policy of giving the aggressor nations that they wanted
 7. **Blitzkreig** – Hitler's "lightning" style of war
 8. **Non-aggression Pact** – Germany and Russia agreed not to fight over Poland
 9. **Holocaust** – systematic killing of the Jews in Nazi Germany during WWII
 10. **Genocide** – the attempt to wipe out an entire race of people
 11. **Concentration Camps** – places where Jews were sent to work and die
 12. **Axis Powers** – Japan, Italy, and Germany
 13. **Allies** – France, Britain, Russia, and the United States
 14. **V-E Day** – May 8, 1945; when Germany surrendered
 15. **Kamikaze** – "Divine Wind;" name of Japanese suicide bombers in WWII
 16. **Manhattan Project** – project that developed the first atomic bomb
 17. **Yalta Conference** – meeting held in Feb. 1945 to discuss post-war Europe
 18. **Nuremberg Trials** – place Nazi war criminals were tried for war crimes
 19. **Pearl Harbor** – US Naval base bombed by Japan on Dec 7, 1941
 20. **Stalingrad** – turning point battle against Germany by the Russians
 21. **D-Day** – the Allied invasion of Nazi occupied France in 1944
 22. **Battle of the Bulge** – last offensive by the Nazis in 1944 before they surrendered
 23. **Nagasaki** – second Japanese island where US dropped atomic bomb
 24. **Hiroshima** – first Japanese island where US dropped atomic bomb
 25. **Adolf Hitler** – Fascist dictator of Germany
 26. **Hideki Tojo** – military dictator of Japan

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- 27. **Winston Churchill** – Prime Minister of England during WWII
- 28. **Joseph Stalin** – Communist dictator of Russia during WWII
- 29. **Benito Mussolini** – Fascist dictator of Italy during WWII
- 30. **General Patton** – Major WWII American General
- 31. **Dwight Eisenhower** – commander of all Allied troops in Europe
- 32. **Harry Truman** – became President of the US in March of 1945
- 33. **Douglas McArthur** – commander of Allied troops in the Pacific
- 34. **Robert Oppenheimer** – leading scientist that helped develop atomic bomb