

# The Conflict Begins

**Directions** Use the map and the following statements to help you answer the questions below.

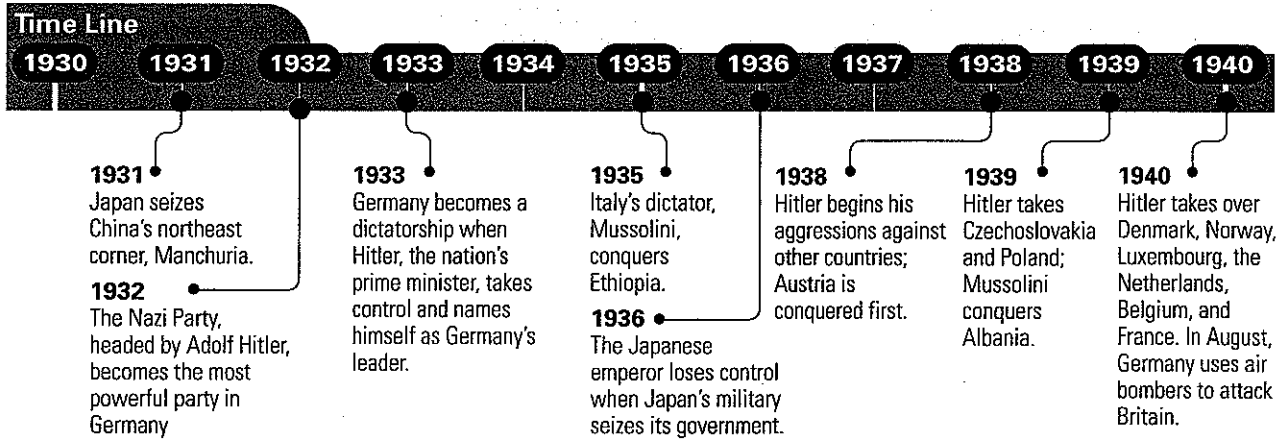
1. Hitler's troops march into Austria and claim it for Germany.
2. Germany takes over Czechoslovakia.
3. With the help of the Soviet Union, Germany takes over Poland.
4. Denmark falls to Germany in hours.
5. Norway is taken over by Germany.
6. The Luxembourg invasion follows Norway's fall.
7. The Netherlands falls to Germany in five days.
8. Belgium is taken over by Germany.
9. France falls to Germany, leaving Britain alone against the Nazis.



- 1 Which countries bordering the seas west and north of Germany did Hitler quickly take over? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Which country helped Germany take over Poland? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Which was the last country to fall, leaving England alone to fight the Nazis? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Which is the only country bordering Germany that was not invaded by the German army? \_\_\_\_\_

(continued)

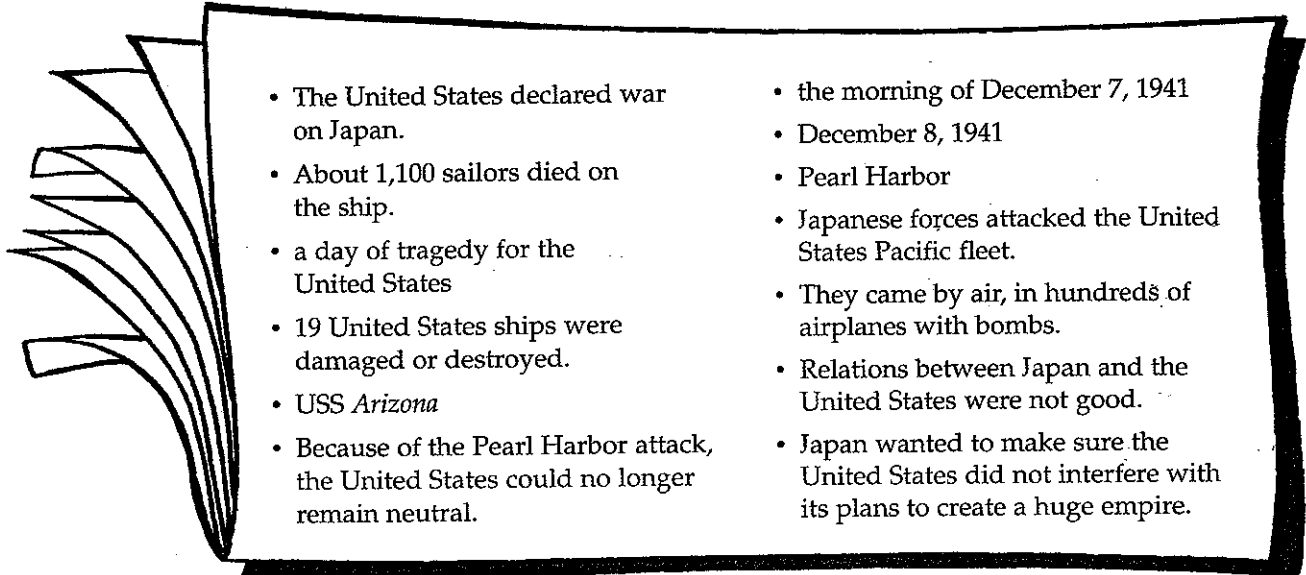
**Directions** Use the time line to help you answer the questions below.



- 5 When did Germany become ruled by Hitler? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Which dictator conquered the most countries between 1930 and 1940?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 How did Germany attack Britain in 1940? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 In which part of China is Manchuria located? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 What African country did Italy conquer in 1935? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 How long after the Nazi Party became the most powerful party in Germany did the country become a dictatorship? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 How many years did it take for Germany to take over Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12 When did Japan's military take control of the country's government?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# The United States Enters the War

**Directions** Imagine that you are a journalist covering the war. Answer the questions below to organize the following points of information.



- The United States declared war on Japan.
- About 1,100 sailors died on the ship.
- a day of tragedy for the United States
- 19 United States ships were damaged or destroyed.
- USS *Arizona*
- Because of the Pearl Harbor attack, the United States could no longer remain neutral.
- the morning of December 7, 1941
- December 8, 1941
- Pearl Harbor
- Japanese forces attacked the United States Pacific fleet.
- They came by air, in hundreds of airplanes with bombs.
- Relations between Japan and the United States were not good.
- Japan wanted to make sure the United States did not interfere with its plans to create a huge empire.

1 Who? \_\_\_\_\_

2 What? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 When? \_\_\_\_\_

4 Where? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 How? \_\_\_\_\_

(continued)



# Life at Home

**Directions** Americans faced many challenges during World War II. Next to each statement below, write whether the situation relates to an economic challenge or a cultural challenge.

- ① People were asked to save certain things for use in making war products. \_\_\_\_\_
- ② Because many of the men drafted to serve in the war were fathers, many women were left alone to take care of children. \_\_\_\_\_
- ③ Certain goods, such as food, shoes, and heating oil, cost not only money but also ration points. \_\_\_\_\_
- ④ Farmers worked extra hard to grow more crops. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑤ Millions of volunteers were needed to help protect United States borders. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ Japanese American citizens were taken from their homes and moved to camps. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑦ American women learned to do jobs left empty by men who became soldiers. \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑧ Most drivers were allowed to buy only three gallons of gas per week. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Write a paragraph about the challenges United States citizens faced during World War II.

---

---

---

---

---



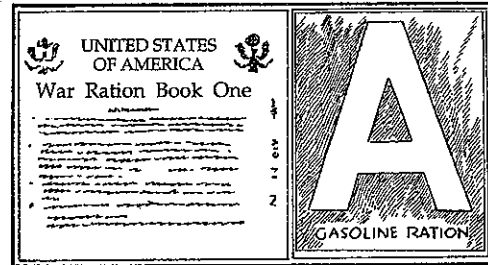
## CITIZENSHIP SKILLS

# Make Economic Choices

**Directions** Read the paragraph and answer the questions below.

### Rationing During World War II

During the war, goods such as meat, sugar, coffee, canned foods, shoes, tires, and gasoline cost ration points. Each person received a ration book with a certain number of ration points to spend. For example, red stamps were issued for meats, butter, fats, oils, and cheese. Each person was allowed 16 red stamp points per week. Additional red points could be earned by turning in fats to make other goods. Blue stamps, 48 per month per person, were for items such as canned fruits and vegetables, dried beans, baby food, and ketchup. Often the point value of certain goods changed. For example, grapefruit juice might cost 23 points one year but only 4 points another year. Ration coupons carried expiration dates, so people had to be wise in their spending choices.



1 If a pound of ham cost 8 ration points, how many pounds could a person buy in one week? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

2 A family has used all of its blue stamp points for the week. Circle the items that cannot be purchased during this week.

steak      canned peas      cheese      oil      dried beans      baby food

3 How many blue ration points would a family of four be able to spend in one month? \_\_\_\_\_

4 Explain why it was important for citizens during World War II to make good economic choices. \_\_\_\_\_

# World War II Begins

**Directions** Complete this graphic organizer to show that you understand the causes and effects of some of the key events that started World War II.



<b>Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany.</b>	→	_____ _____
--	---	----------------

_____ _____	→	<b>Democracy in Europe and Asia comes under attack.</b>
----------------	---	---

<b>On September 1, 1939, German forces invade Poland.</b>	→	_____ _____
---	---	----------------

_____ _____	→	<b>French Indochina falls to the Japanese.</b>
----------------	---	--

<b>On December 7, 1941, Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor.</b>	→	_____ _____
--	---	----------------

## 9

## Test Preparation

**Directions** Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle for the answer you have chosen. Be sure to fill in the circle completely.

- 1 Which country was not in the process of forming a dictatorship before World War II?
- (A) Germany
  - (B) Italy
  - (C) France
  - (D) Japan
- 2 For a while, the United States chose to remain \_\_\_\_\_ about the world's problems.
- (F) worried
  - (G) neutral
  - (H) unconcerned
  - (J) democratic
- 3 What event caused America to enter the war?
- (A) Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor
  - (B) Germany's attack on England
  - (C) Italy's attack on Ethiopia
  - (D) the Soviet Union's attack on Poland
- 4 The government \_\_\_\_\_ the goods that people could buy during the war.
- (E) ticketed
  - (G) stamped
  - (H) identified
  - (J) rationed
- 5 Which is a way American citizens helped in the war effort?
- (A) by issuing ration points for food
  - (B) by using up gasoline
  - (C) by volunteering for the Office of Civilian Defense
  - (D) by creating the War Production Board



# War in Africa and in Europe

**Directions** Use the information below to complete the cause-and-effect chart.

Germany surrendered after Hitler's death.

German troops were sent to defend Italy after Mussolini's arrest.

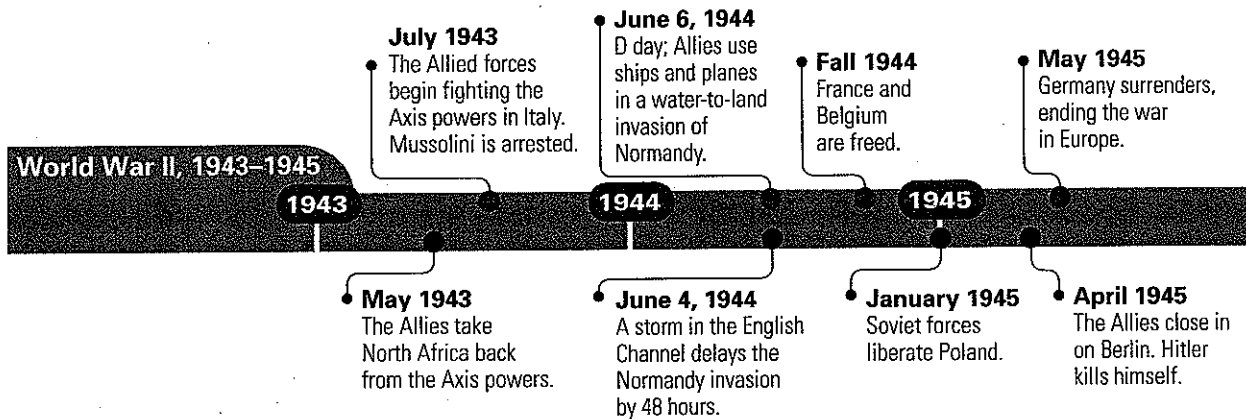
American and British troops defeated the Axis forces in North Africa.

The Allies won a victory in Europe, and the war turned in their favor.

CAUSE	EFFECT
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	The Allied forces continued to fight in Italy.
Allied ships and planes along the Normandy coastline fought against German troops for an entire day.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	The Allies gained control of the Mediterranean Sea.
The Allies closed in on Berlin, and the Axis empire was defeated.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

(continued)

**Directions** Use the time line to help you answer the questions below.



- 1 How long did it take for Germany to surrender after the Allies took back North Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What happened on June 4, 1944? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What kind of strategic attack was used for the D day invasion? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What important events happened one month before Germany's surrender? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Which countries were freed in 1944? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## MAP AND GLOBE SKILLS

# Compare Historical Maps

**Directions** Use the maps to answer the questions on both pages.



- 1 Before the end of World War II, who had control of Berlin?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 In which zone was Berlin located after World War II ended?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How much of Germany was controlled by the Axis powers before the war ended?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Which countries had control of Germany after the war?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 In what part of Germany was the British zone?  
\_\_\_\_\_

(continued)



6 What two large German cities were controlled by the United States after the war?

\_\_\_\_\_

7 Which country controlled the southeastern portion of Germany after the war?

\_\_\_\_\_

8 Which country controlled the southwestern portion of Germany after the war?

\_\_\_\_\_

# War in the Pacific

**Directions** On the line provided, write the letter of the person or place that completes each statement.

- A. Albert Einstein
- B. General Douglas MacArthur
- C. President Truman
- D. Okinawa
- E. The Coral Sea
- F. Admiral Chester Nimitz
- G. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer

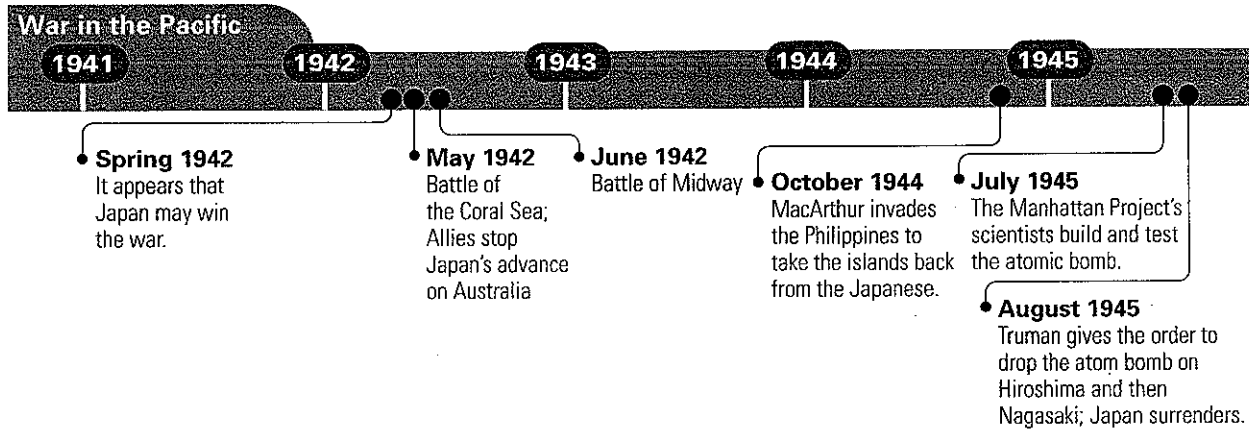
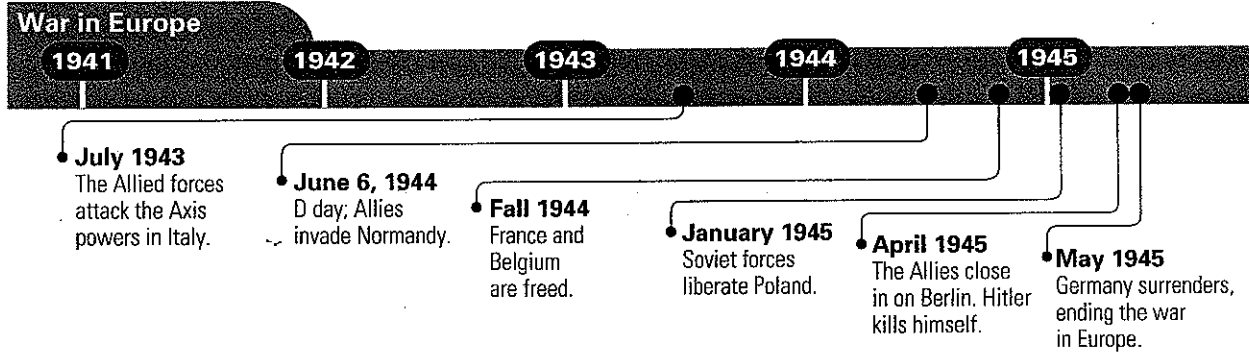
- ① \_\_\_\_\_ was ordered off the Philippine Islands but made a promise to return.
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ was the site of the first naval battle in history in which enemy ships did not see each other.
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ was where more than 7,600 Allied soldiers and Marines were killed or missing; 107,000 Japanese soldiers and civilians were dead.
- ④ \_\_\_\_\_ wrote a letter to President Roosevelt, warning him of Germany's plans to build a new kind of bomb.
- ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ headed the Manhattan Project.
- ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ led the Allied troops that met the Japanese fleet at Midway.
- ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ made the decision to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.



# CHART AND GRAPH SKILLS

## Read Parallel Time Lines

**Directions** Use the time lines to help you answer the questions.



- Which happened first, the Battle of Midway or the Allied forces' entering Italy?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How much time passed between the surrender of Germany and that of Japan?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What was happening in the United States a few months after Germany's surrender?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What military events occurred in the Pacific in 1942?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Life After World War II

**Directions** Read each statement. On the lines provided, write *T* if the statement is true or *F* if it is false. Rewrite each false statement to make it true.

- 1 The cost of World War II was measured not only in dollars but also in lost lives. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The GI Bill was created to give everyone an opportunity to receive a college education. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Because gasoline was still being rationed, people didn't drive their cars much after the war. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Although unemployment increased after the war, the economy didn't suffer much. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Some industries that grew after World War II were electronics, plastics, and frozen foods. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The Employment Act of 1946 encouraged the government to keep a balanced budget, even if that meant keeping Americans from working. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Because so many babies were born in this period, it became known as "the family boom." \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





# Allied Victories in World War II

**Directions** Complete this graphic organizer by predicting outcomes about Allied victories in World War II.

EVENT	FACTS	OUTCOME
<b>The D Day Invasion</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<b>After D day, the tide of war turned in favor of the Allied Forces.</b>

EVENT	FACTS	OUTCOME
<b>The Battle of Midway</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

# 10 Test Preparation

**Directions** Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle for the answer you have chosen. Be sure to fill in the circle completely.

- 1 What major event turned the war in Europe in favor of the Allies?
  - A the attack on Pearl Harbor
  - B D day
  - C Mussolini's arrest
  - D the liberation of France
- 2 Anne Frank was a young girl who kept a diary about her days in hiding during—
  - F World War I.
  - G the "Red Scare."
  - H the Holocaust.
  - J the Normandy attack.
- 3 What major event helped turn the war in the Pacific in favor of the Allies?
  - A Pearl Harbor
  - B the Battle of the Coral Sea
  - C the Battle of Midway
  - D both B and C
- 4 What new electronic product were Americans buying after the war?
  - F radios
  - G cars
  - H watches
  - J television sets
- 5 Which country did **not** have a communist government after the war?
  - A Czechoslovakia
  - B Hungary
  - C France
  - D Poland