

Battles of World War II

- 6 years: 1939-1945

Axis

Germany

Italy

Japan

Allies

Britain

France

Soviet Union

China

United States

45 Other Nations

- Nazi-Soviet Pact
 - * Not going to fight each other
 - * Divide up Poland
- Sept 1, 1939: Germany invades Poland (blitzkrieg)
 - * Britain and France declare war
 - * Soviet Union gets ½ of Poland
- Germany moves towards France
 - * Italy declares war on France
 - * France surrenders June 22, 1940
- Sept. 1940, Italy goes into Egypt
 - * 1940, also invaded Greece
 - * 1941, Greece and Yugoslavia under Axis control
- Britain is lone power in Western Europe
 - * Germany starts the London Blitz (Sept 7, 1940)
 - 57 nights where Germany planes bombed London
 - Most of the city destroyed
 - 15,000 people killed
 - * British never surrendered, & their morale only strengthened
- Operation Barbarossa
 - * Plan for Germany invasion of Soviet Union
 - * Soviet Union soldiers fall back burning crops and farm equipment along the way
 - * Germany gets to Leningrad, but cannot get any further (winter)