

- * Island-Hopping campaign to regain territory and get close to the island of Japan
- * By 1944, U.S. Navy blockading Japan and bombing it's cities
- * Japanese being pushed back from Philippines, Burma & Malaysia
- Nazi Defeat
 - * Allies pushing to Germany after liberating France
 - * By March 1945, Allies had crossed Rhine into Germany
 - * Soviet troops closed in from the East
 - * Italian guerillas had killed Mussolini
 - * Soviets entered Berlin & Hitler committed suicide
 - * May 7, Germany surrenders
 - * May 8, 1945 = V-E Day (Victory in Europe)
- Defeat of Japan
 - * By mid-1945, most of Japanese Navy and Army destroyed, but still had 2 million soldiers
 - * Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa showed Japan would fight to death and not surrender
 - Estimated a million American soldiers would die if the U.S. tried to take the island of Japan
 - * Atomic Bomb successfully tested in 1945
 - * President Truman decides to use bomb to end the war
 - Aug 6, 1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima
 - 70,000 people killed instantly
 - Aug 9, 1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki
 - 40,000 people killed instantly
 - Japan surrenders and signs Peace Treaty