**September. 1. 1939**

Second Word War: No nation will suffer as much as Poland will

- 6.2 Million People dead (22% of population)

- 90% by mistreatment

o Starvation

o Beaten to death

o Mass execution

- Loses 38% of national assets (compared to Britain, who loses 0.8%)

Blitzkrieg –lightning War

- Psychology of Warfare: terrify people, fear of the bomber

- Ground War, Air war, War on the sea

- Air War:

o Luftwaffe (German Air force)

o 2000 planes over Poland (Poland had 420)

o Weaken enemy

o Followed by Panzer (Tanks) and Mechanic Infantries

- Ground War:

o German used tanks as unit, a tank group would attack à War much faster

o Tiger Tank: Had to stop in order to fire cannon

o Germany send 1.8 Million soldiers to Poland (50 000 casualties)

Britain and France declare War on Germany but did not actually fight with an army

Sep.17. 1939

- USSR invades Poland

Oct. 5. 1939

- Poland ceased to exist

**1940:**

* Sweden proclaims themselves as neutral, yet sending Iron to Nazi Germany.
* Switzerland is opening up their bank accounts for treasure of Nazi germany → neot neutral
* Norway: Vidkun Quisling (known as a dirty Nazi Bottlegger)
  + not well liked
  + willing to send all his Jews to Ausschwitz
  + got executed in the war
* May 10: Netherlands, Belgium are still fighting WWI, Nederland surrenders
* Battle of France:
  + France is not prepared for the War
  + Wehrmacht outflanked french on the border to belgium and cut off supply lines
  + Germans 5th army attack through the Gap between Belgium and the maginot line, which was on the French border to Germany.
  + Britain tried to defend French Air Force, Germany still was dominating
  + Dunkirk Evacuation
    - Theory: Hitler had admiration for Britain and did not stop the British empire to evacuate
    - Does not obliterate the British army
    - Theory: Hitler trust Göring to stop them; he however fails
  + France surrenders on June 22, 1940
* England stands alone against Nazi Germany,Soviet Russia,Fascist Italy,Imperial japan

**Operation Dynamite: May 26- June 4th 1940**

* France is divided:

1. Occupied France → North
   1. resisters
   2. collaborators (supporters of Nazis)

2. Vichy France

* puppet government
* lead by Philippe Petain (They shall not pass)
  + very supportive of Nazis
  + declares War on England

**Battle of Britain - Nazis v. England**

* fear of the bomber
* Nazis had planned the “Operation Sealion”

Failed:

* + Nazis were not efficient and disorganized
  + Army, Airforce and Navi are refusing to communicate with each other
  + Britain had RADAR without Nazi Germany knowing
* One German Air Force plane got lost and accidentally bombed a region in London
* England responded to this with the Bombing of Germany
* Hitler uses the “ Blitz” strategy and bombs all cities in and around London, rather than Airfields (30,000 British will die)
* England is able to build up their Air Force
* England is dominating over Nazi Germany, which will use 1700 planes

**Operation Barbarossa -planned April 1941**

* Germanize the East
* Eliminate people living there and move Germans there
* Scorched Earth - Russia is willing to sacrifice their own country in order to not give it up to another country
* Planned in April for in order to get to Russia on time
* Problem: Benito Mussolini - Allied with Nazi Germany, Threatened by Yugoslavia
  + Sends his 5th Army to help Italy fight in Yugoslavia
  + Delays Operation Barbarossa to June
    - turning point of WWII
    - Had Germany gone through with the planned invasion in April, the Chance of Germany winning the second World war would have been much greater
* Reinhard Heydrich
* June: Hitler begins attack
  + Bombing Soviet Lines
  + Britain cracked Nazi codes and knew Nazi Germany was coming
    - Warned Soviet Union, however they don’t believe it
    - Even as the Germans are bombing the Lines, Stalin believes it to be an exercise
  + Front line was 3000 km long
  + Begin their attack in Poland
    - One Army goes to Leningrad
      * Bloodbath
      * Starvation
      * Cannibalism
    - One Army goes to Moscow
      * **December 41 - everything changes in favour for Soviets**
        + An early winter grips Soviet union, Coldest winter of all times
        + Typhus
        + Japan bombs Pearl Harbour - 3000 people die.

Soviets can use soldiers prepared for Japan attack to fight Nazi Germany

* + - Another Army goes the Stalingrad
    - Within the first month 2 Million Soviet Union soldiers will die

**1942- not much action**

* US have just entered the War
* Nazi Germany is pushing of East
* August:
  + Hitler makes a poor decision: Go after Stalingrad
  + 5th Army lead by Von Paulus
  + Bomb the City
  + Nazi Takes West Bank, Soviet Takes East Bank
  + Hitler announces that Stalingrad had fallen
  + flanks were protected by Italy and Hungary
* Jan 1943:
  + Counterattack of Soviets: Hit their flanks and circle The Army , cut off all supply lines and force Soldiers to starve to death.
  + February: 

Invasion of normandy

→ Operation overload

Prior to 1943

* Battle of Kurs
* 1943-52

**1945**

* April 30th: Hitler got married to Eva Braun and killed his dog
* Hitler committed suicide along with
* orders Göring to be executed, as he tried to take over Germany
* Joseph Göbbels, murders his 6 Children, his wife and himself
* The power of the third Reich goes to Dönitz