

# World War Two

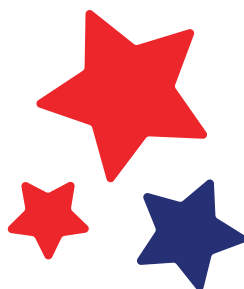


A war is when two or more groups of people fight each other with weapons. War is used to settle arguments between these groups.



This war was fought between the Allies and the Axis Powers from 1939-1945.

The USA was part of the Allies.



# **The USA joined the war in 1941**

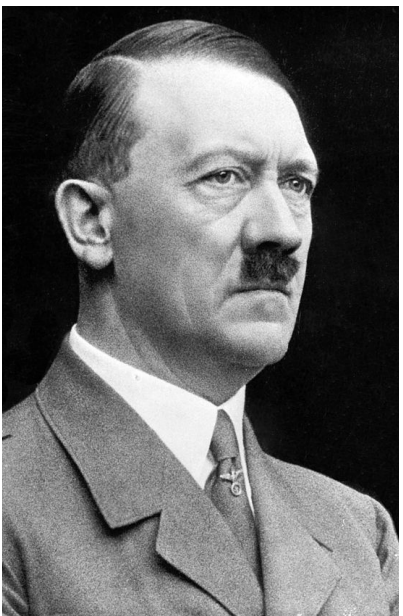
**On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the American Navy. This attack hurt many Americans.**



**The war never touched American soil. It was mostly fought in Europe and Asia, which is very far away.**

**When the USA joined the war, American soldiers had to go overseas to fight.**

**Many Germans were sent to punishment camps for not being the "perfect German."**



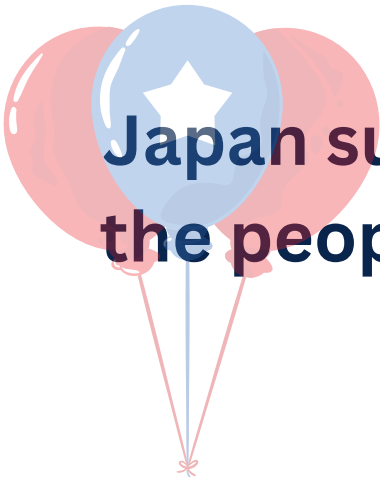
**Adolf Hitler was the leader of Germany from 1933-1945. He believed that people who came from families that were different than what he liked were not really German. This was very bad because he would punish these people simply for the way they were born or the families they were born into.**

# The End of the War



**The second world war ended in 1945.**

**Japan surrendered to the USA because the people of Japan were hurt badly by Americans.**





# Make your own WWII medal!

Medals were given to soldiers and people in the military to honor their bravery and achievements.

To make your own medal at home you will need:

Clay

Metallic paint

a safety pin

a paper clip

ribbon





# **Make your own WWII medal!**

**Once you have gathered your materials, mold your clay into the shape of a star and then use a paperclip to add details to your medal.**

**Next, attach a safty pin to the clay before it dries. After you have done this, leave the clay to dry for an hour.**

**While the clay is drying, you can decorate your ribbon with markers.**

**Once the clay has dried, you can now paint it silver or gold. Now let this dry for two hours.**

**Once everything is completely dried, you can attach your ribbion and congratulations! You have made a medal for yourself!**

**Bring your medal to the museum to get your prize. You will be entered into a drawing for bigger prizes.**



# World War II

Email the words "Eudora-WWII" and your answers to [cpreut@watkinsmuseum.org](mailto:cpreut@watkinsmuseum.org) Students missing only one answer or less will receive a prize and be entered into the raffle.

1. What were the two major powers in WWII?

- a) reds and blues
- b) allies and axis
- c) east and west

2. Which nation was NOT a part of the Allies

- a) USA
- b) Germany
- c) England

3. Which nation was a member of the Axis Powers?

- a) Canada
- b) Russia
- c) Japan

4. Why did the USA join the war?

- a) Italy sent troops into Kansas
- b) Germany invaded New York
- c) Japan attacked Pear Harbor

5. Where did your family live during World War II?