**WWII ENDS**

**PHOTOS (The Atlantic)** <http://www.theatlantic.com/photo/pages/ww2/>

**Major Battles** (Video 4:22) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpemHm5A6-0>

**Operation Overlord or D-Day** - (June 6, 1944)

* Allied invasion in Normandy, France to drive the Nazis out  
  Background – (read passage, watch videos 1 & 3) <http://www.army.mil/d-day/>  
  Video (3:17) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lDZs442oqxA>

**Battle of the Bulge** - (Dec. 1944 - March 1945)

* Hitler's surprise counter attack against Allied forces in France. Allied troops were pushed back 50 miles, which created a bulge in their defense lines.
* US troops resisted, crossed the Rhine River and entered Germany by March 1945

Background: <http://www.army.mil/botb/>

LIFE Magazine slide show (search):  
 [http://life.time.com/history/battle-of-the-bulge-rare-photos-from-hitlers-last-gamble-1944-1945/#1](http://life.time.com/history/battle-of-the-bulge-rare-photos-from-hitlers-last-gamble-1944-1945/%231)

**V-E Day -** (May 8, 1945)

* Victory in Europe Day
* Nazi Germany surrenders and ended the war in Europe

What is VE Day - <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day>

10 Images - <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/10-photos-of-ve-day-celebrations>

**Pacific War:**

* Island-Hopping strategy: US strategy to defeat Japan involved systematically capturing and taking over islands in the Pacific, ending at the islands of Japan  
  Animated Battles in the Pacific <http://historyanimated.com/verynewhistorywaranimated/?page_id=20>

**Atomic Bomb:**

* Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies - April 12, 1945 [FDR won the Election of 1944 - 4th term)
* Harry Truman is his successor and becomes President
* Secretary of War Stimson revealed the Manhattan Project to Truman
  + **Manhattan Project** - US secretly developed an atomic bomb  
     <http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/einstein/peace-and-war/the-manhattan-project> (background)  
    1945, Los Alamos, New Mexico - US successfully tests the bomb

Photos (The Atlantic) <http://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2011/10/world-war-ii-the-fall-of-imperial-japan/100175/>  
 Voices of the Manhattan Project (Scientists) <http://manhattanprojectvoices.org/>

1. **Hiroshima, Japan** (August 6, 1945) - US dropped the 1st atomic bomb, "little boy" from the plane "Enola Gay", leveling the city and killing 70,000 immediately and 70,000 in the next 5 yrs. from radiation (population 350,000)
2. **Nagasaki, Japan** (August 9, 1945) - US dropped the 2nd atomic bomb, "fat boy" from the plane "Bock's Car"   
   Crew: <http://www.atomicarchive.com/Photos/Tinian/image2.shtml>

**V-J Day -** (August 15, 1945) <http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/v-j-day>

* Victory over Japan Day came soon after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as Japan surrendered

**Post War Conferences**   
<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1937-1945/war-time-conferences>

* **Atlantic Conference** (1941, warship off coast of Newfoundland)   
  <http://militaryhistory.about.com/od/militarystrategies/p/atlanticcharter.htm>
  + Churchill & FDR
  + Atlantic Charter - foundation of UN Charter
  + Goals: Free trade, free elections, No territorial expansion or changes without consent of inhabitants, Disarm aggressor nations, Cooperate to improve other nations
* Casablanca Conference (January 1943, Morocco, North Africa)
  + Churchill & FDR
  + Goal: accept nothing less than unconditional surrender of the Axis powers
* Tehran Conference (November 1943, Iran)
  + Churchill, FDR, Stalin (Big Three)
  + Goals: Soviets agree to enter the war against Japan once Germany is defeated
* **Dumbarton Oaks Conference** – (August 1944, Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, DC)  
  <http://www.un.org/en/sections/history-united-nations-charter/1944-1945-dumbarton-oaks-and-yalta/index.html>
  + Discussed the United Nations, specifically who would be invited to join, and the formation of the UN Security Council, discussions would continue at the Yalta conference
* **Bretton Woods Conference** (1944, New Hampshire) -   
  <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTABOUTUS/EXTARCHIVES/0,,contentMDK:21826676~pagePK:36726~piPK:437378~theSitePK:29506,00.html>
  + Churchill, FDR, Stalin (Big Three)
  + Agreement leads to economic dominance by the United States and free trade.
  + US dollar replaces the British pound (international trade)
  + World Bank and International Monetary Fund established
* **Yalta Conference** (February 1945, Soviet Union)  
  <http://militaryhistory.about.com/od/worldwarii/p/yalta.htm>
  + Churchill, FDR, Stalin (Big Three)
  + Goals:

1. Germany would be divided into 4 zones of occupation
2. Soviets agreed to Free elections in Poland and Eastern European countries in general
3. Soviet Union agrees to enter the war against Japan (Aug. 8, 1945)
4. Soviet control of islands in the Pacific (Sakhalin and Kurile) and some economic control in Manchuria
5. Create a world peace organization (United Nations formed in San Francisco where UN Charter written)

**FDR dies April 12, 1945 Harry S. Truman becomes President.**

* **Potsdam Conference** (1945, Germany)
  + PM Clement Attlee (Prime Minister Churchill’s replacement), Truman, Stalin
  + Goals:

1. demand unconditional surrender of Japan
2. Hold war crime trials of Nazi leaders (Nuremburg Trials 1945-1946)