

Timeline of World War 2

June 22 – Hitler ordered his army to invade the Soviet Union.

September 1 – Members of the Jewish faith were ordered to wear a yellow Star of David.

December 7 – The Japanese army attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

December 8 – Britain and the United States declared war on Japan.

December 11 – Germany declared war on the United States.

December 19 – Hitler gave himself the post of Commander in Chief of the German army.

September 1 – The German army invaded Poland.

September 3 – Britain and France declared war on Germany.

May 13 – The German and Italian troops in North Africa surrendered to the Allies.

July 9-10 – The Allied forces landed on Sicily in Italy.

July 25-26 – The leader of Italy, Mussolini, and his government were overthrown.

January 16 – The German army is defeated at the Battle of the Bulge.

January 17 – The Soviet army freed Warsaw in Poland.

April 30 – Adolf Hitler killed himself.

May 7 – All German forces surrendered.

May 8 – Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

August 6 – The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in Japan.

August 14 – The Japanese forces surrendered.

August 15 – Victory over Japan (VJ) Day.

1939

April 9 – The German army invaded Denmark and Norway.

May 10 – The German army invaded France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. Winston Churchill was appointed as Prime Minister of Britain.

June 10 – Norway was invaded by the German army. Italy declared war on UK and France.

July 10 – The Battle of Britain began.

December 9-10 – The British army fought the Italian army in North Africa.

1940

May 30 – The RAF sent 1,000 aircraft to bomb Cologne in Germany.

October 23 – The British army led by General Montgomery defeated the German and Italian troops (called the Afrika Korps) at El Alamein in Egypt.

1941

1942

1943

1944

1945

June 6 – D-Day: the invasion of Europe began with the Allied forces landing on the five beaches at Normandy in France.

June 22 – The Soviet army began a major battle against the German army.

June 27 – American forces liberated Cherbourg in France.

June 29 – Jewish people were sent to Nazi concentration camps, where many were killed. (This is known as the Holocaust).

July 9 – Allied troops freed Caen in France from the German army.

July 20 – Someone tried to kill Adolf Hitler – but he survived.

August 1 – The Allied armies invaded Southern France.

August 5 – Paris in France was freed.

September 3 – Brussels in Belgium was freed.

October 14 – Athens in Greece was freed.

December 16 – The 'Battle of the Bulge' began, as the German army fought back against the Allied forces.