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| <p>May 1943 Axis troops in northern Africa surrender.</p> | <p>September 1939 Germany invades Poland, starting World War II. Britain and France declare war on Germany.</p> |
| <p>July 1940 Germany begins bombing Britain.</p> | <p>June 1944 D-day: Allied troops land in France and begin invasion.</p> |
| <p>September 1943 Italy surrenders.</p> | <p>November 1943 U.S. forces invade Tarawa.</p> |
| <p>December 1944 Germans fight back in Battle of the Bulge.</p> | <p>April 1940 Germany invades Norway and Denmark.</p> |
| <p>May 1940 Germany invades Belgium and the Netherlands.</p> | <p>October 1944 Japan's navy is defeated near the Philippines.</p> |
| <p>December 1941 Japan bombs Pearl Harbour. The U.S. declares war on Japan.</p> | <p>June 1941 Germany invades the Soviet Union</p> |

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| <p>February 1942 Japan captures Singapore</p> | <p>March 1945 Allied troops capture Iwo Jima in Japan.</p> |
| <p>September 1945 Japan signs surrender agreement, ending war.</p> | <p>February 1943 German troops surrender in Stalingrad, USSR.</p> |
| <p>August 1945 Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.</p> | <p>June 1942 The tide turns — the Allies defeat Japan in the Battle of Midway.</p> |
| <p>May 1945 Germany surrenders, ending World War II in Europe.</p> | <p>May 1942 Japan captures the Philippines and Burma.</p> |

