

World at War and Modern Era Timeline Dates (1900-2050)

June 28, 1914 - Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand

August 4th, 1914 – Great Britain declares war on Germany

May 7th, 1915 – Sinking of the Lusitania

January 19th, 1917 – United States declares war on Germany

June 25, 1917 – United States troops arrive in France

1917-1923 – Russian Revolution

June 28, 1919 – Treaty of Versailles signed, WWI formally ends

1929-1933 – Great Depression in the United States

1933 – Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany, the Nazi party takes power, Hitler is essentially dictator of Germany

September 1, 1939 – Germany invades Poland, WWII begins

September 3, 1939 – France and Great Britain declare war on Germany

July – October 1940 – Battle of Britain, Germany attacks Great Britain, dropping bombs on the city almost nightly

September 22, 1940 – Germany, Italy, and Japan create an alliance

September 7, 1941 – Japanese attack and bomb Pearl Harbor, U.S. enters war the next day

June 4, 1942 – U.S. Navy defeats the Japanese at Battle of Midway

June 6, 1944 – D-Day and the Normandy invasion, allied forces push back the Germans

December 16, 1944 – Germans lose to the Allies at the Battle of the Bulge

April 30, 1945 – Hitler commits suicide

May 7, 1945 – Germany surrenders

August 6 and 9, 1945 – United States drops Atomic bombs on Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, Japan

September 2, 1945 – Japan surrenders and WWII ends

1950-1953 – Korean War

1961 – Cuban Missile Crisis

1955-1975 – Vietnam War

1989 – Berlin Wall demolished

1991 – USSR collapses Cold War ends