

Notes: The European Theater

- Early 1942, Hitler breaks non-aggression pact with Russian and invades.
- Following Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt and Churchill decided to concentrate on defeating Germany and having a defensive strategy on Japan.
- Germany sent Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, aka desert fox, to North Africa
- Germany kept driving into Russia, so far that they could not have supply lines.
- September 1942-Germany began to bomb the Russian city of Stalingrad
 - 300,000 German soldiers were waiting to attack.
 - The Soviets set up positions among the rubble.
 - House to house fighting went on for the next 4 months.
- In the Atlantic, the allies were using radar and sonar to find German submarines.
- The allies took the offensive in North Africa
 - November 1942-Operation Torch (North African Campaign)
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower was the Commander of the Operation.
 - Soldiers landed in Morocco and Algeria
 - May 1943-Axis forces in Northern Africa surrender.
- Allies turn their focus towards Italy
- July 1943-The 82nd Airborne invaded Sicily
- The Italians overthrow Mussolini.
- Italy surrenders in September 1943.
- End of 1943-Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin meet in Tehran, Iran
- Agreed that an invasion across the English Channel was the best bet to drive Germany out of France.
- 1943-44-The allies used air attacks to weaken German resistance in France.
- Operation Overlord-aimed to drive Germany out of France.