



Western Civilization since 1500



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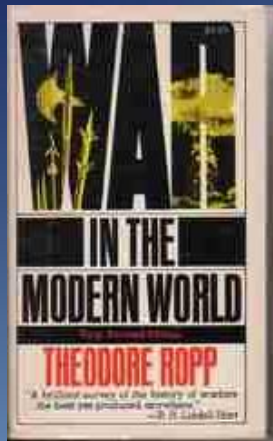
HI 102 – Western Civilization

History 102

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April 14	Online Quiz Chapter 27b
April 18	Article 4 Approved (if needed)
April 21	Online Quiz Chapters 28 & 29
April 25	Article Review 4 (if needed)
May 2	Final EXAM (chapters 27-29)

World War II or A World full of Wars



War in the Modern World

Theodore Ropp, 1962

“A brilliant survey of the history of warfare from 1415 to 1958”

WWII consisted of 4 related major wars:

- 1. Second German War**
(Western Front & Africa)
- 2. Great Patriotic War**
(Eastern Front – USSR)
- 3. Great Pacific War**
(Japan vs USA)
- 4. War for East Asia**
(China-Burma-India, Indonesia)



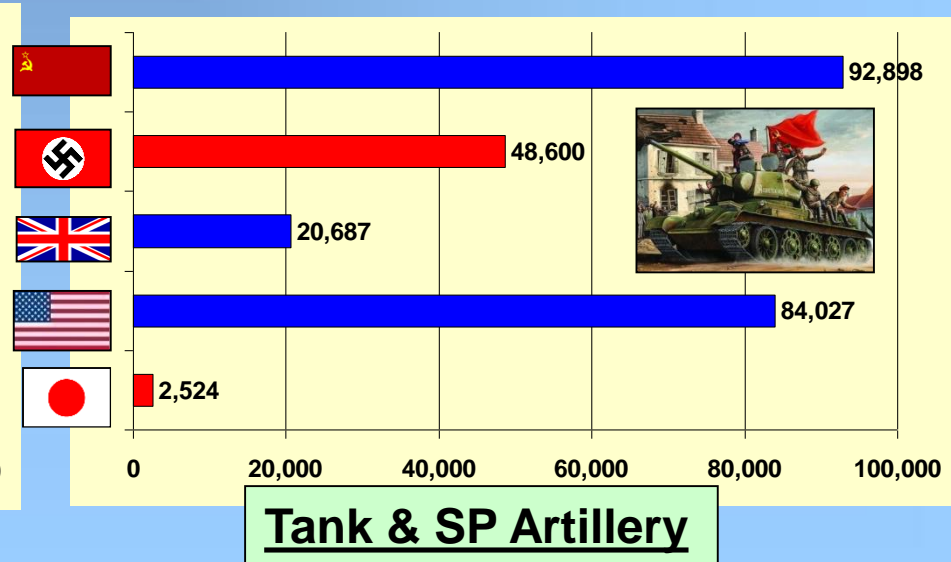
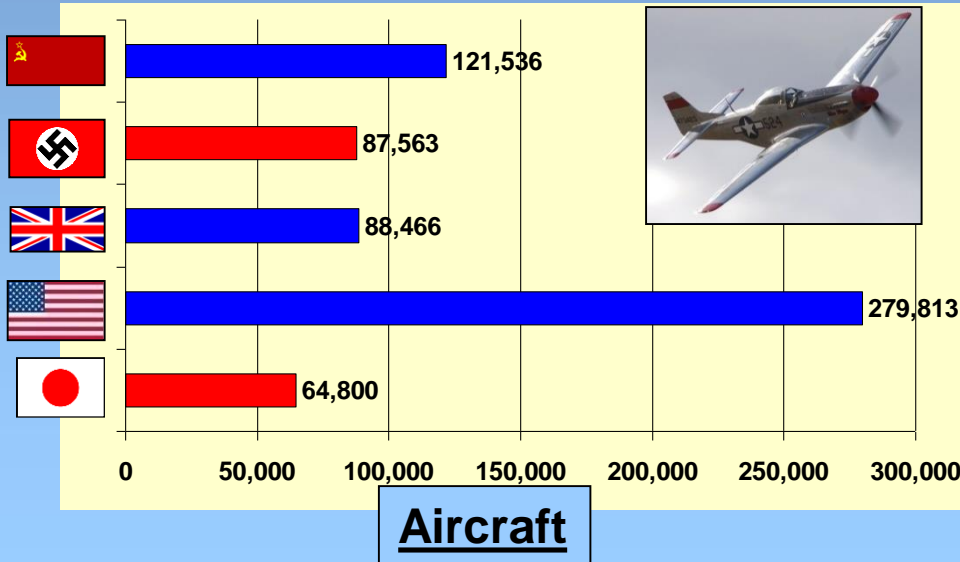
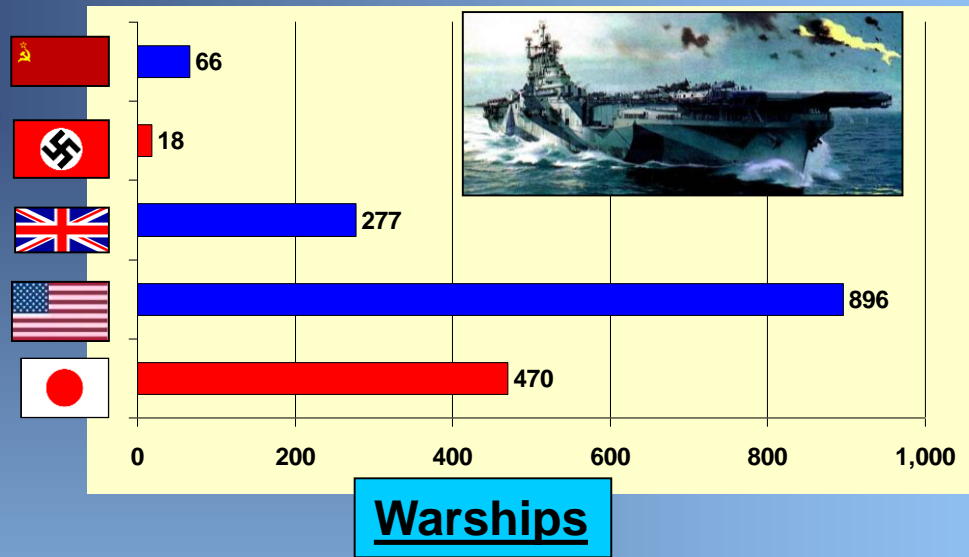
Naval Construction

	USA	UK	USSR	Italy	Japan	Germany
Carriers	22	14	-	-	16	-
Escort Carriers	141	-	-	-	-	-
Battleships	8	5	-	3	2	2
Cruisers	48	32	2	6	9	-
Destroyers	349	240	25	6	63	17
Convoy Escorts	420	413/191*	-	-	-	23
Submarines	422	167	52	28	167	1,337
Merchant (x 1,000 tons)	33,993	6,379 / 6,445**	-	470	4,152	-

* Canada

** Canada & Commonwealth

Comparison of War Production, 1942-1945



U.S. Ammunition Output

Aircraft Bombs	531,000,000 tons 1,062,000,000,000 lbs.
Depth Charges	529,000
Torpedoes	54,000
Artillery rounds	47,000,000 tons
Small arms rounds	44,000,000,000

The Role of Air Power

B-17

range 2,000 mi
payload 4,500 lbs

12,731 built (1936-1945)



B-29

Range 3,250 mi
Payload 12,000 lbs.
High altitude: 5,000 lbs.

3,970 built (1943-1946)



B-24

range 2,100 mi
payload 5,000 lbs

18,188 built (1940-1945)

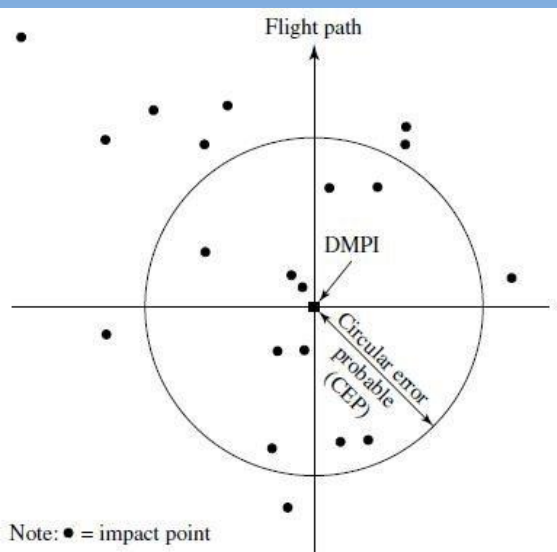


“Drop a bomb in a Pickle Barrel at 20,000 feet”



Norden Bomb Sight

Circular Error Probable
50% of the bombs
will hit with the circle



Combat:
1,200 ft. @ 20,000 ft

If you want a 90% probability of at least 1 bomb hitting a target 1/3 the size of a football field, you must drop 9,000 bombs.



The Role of Air Power

P-40

13,738 Warhawk



P-47

15,660 Thundebolt



P-51

14,855 Mustang



The Costs

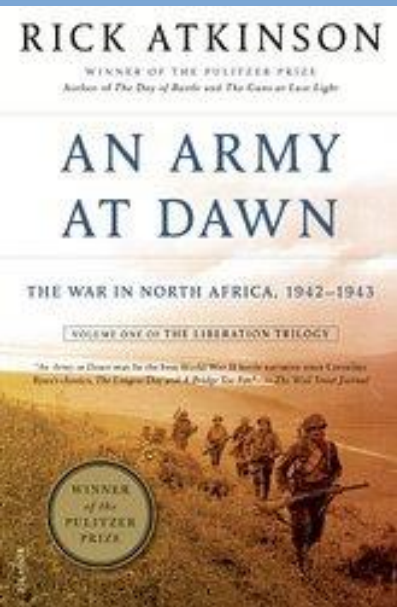
- **29,000 U.S. airmen, 8,200 bombers lost.**
- **About 600,000(?) civilian casualties.**
- **Firestorms:**

**Hamburg:
July, 1943**

**Dresden:
Feb., 1945**



More than “Sideshow”



Gets US into the war in European Theater

Open Suez Canal – greatly shorten supply lines

Eliminate Vichy French military

Establish base of operation to advance on Sicily and Italy

More than “Sideshow”

UK favors peripheral strategy to gradually weaken Germany

Knock Italy out of war

Secure Mediterranean Sea lines of communication

Establish airbases for bomber offensive operations



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THE DAY OF BATTLE

THE WAR IN SICILY AND ITALY, 1943–1944

VOLUME TWO OF THE LIBERATION TRILOGY

"A triumph of narrative history, elegantly written, thick with unforgettable description and rooted in the sights and sounds of battle." — *The New York Times*





Turning Points of the War: Western Front

- **Operation Torch (1943)**
 - Allied victory in North Africa and invasion of Italy.
- **D-Day: Operation Overlord**
 - The Allied needed to establish a second front.
 - General Dwight Eisenhower launched an invasion of Normandy on **June 6, 1944**.
 - An invasion fleet of some 4,000 ships and 150,000 men (57,000 U.S.)
 - Invasion successful. 5,000 killed and wounded Allied troops.
 - It allowed them to gain a foothold on the continent from which they could push Germany back.

Race to Berlin

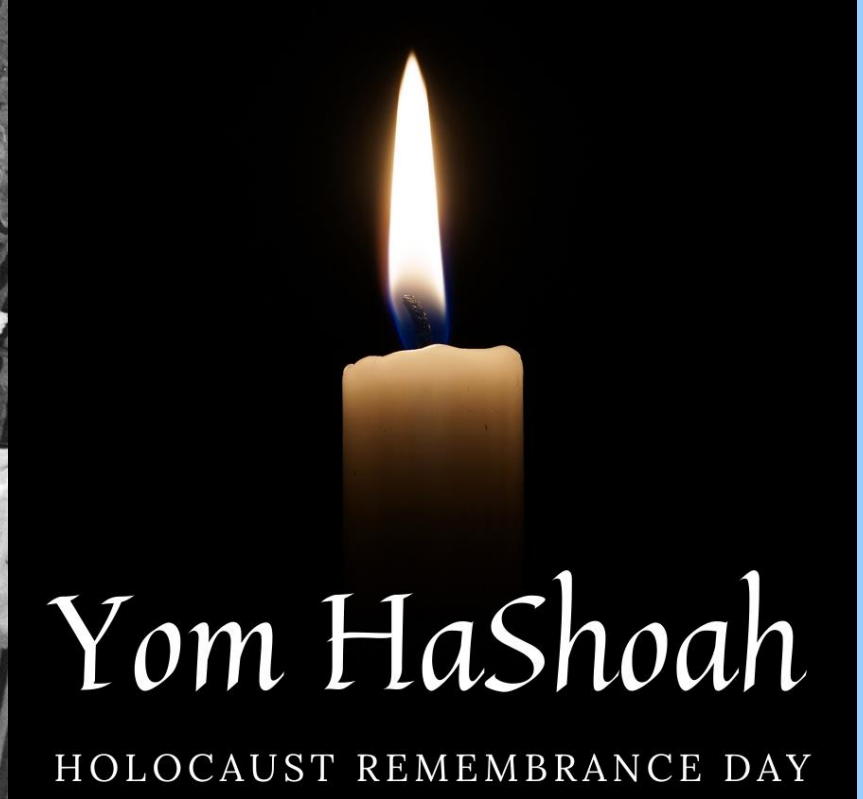


- D-Day was the turning point of the western front. Stalingrad was the turning point of the eastern front.
- The British, U.S., and Free French armies began to press into western Germany as the Soviets invaded eastern Germany.
- Both sides raced to Berlin.

Victory in Europe

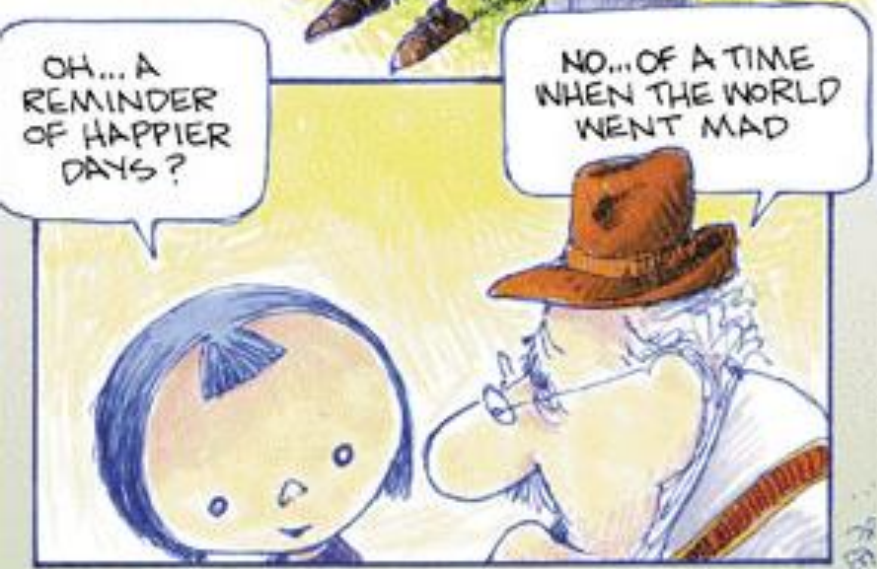
- Mussolini was captured and killed by Italian partisans and Hitler committed suicide in April 1945, as the Russian troops took Berlin.
- **Germany surrendered unconditionally on May 7, 1945 (V-E Day).**
- Fighting in the Pacific would continue until August.





Sunset, May 5, 2024

NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY





Kenntzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge in den Konzentrations Lagern

	Politisch	Berufs- verbrecher	Emigrant	Büroforscher	Homo- sexuell	Arbeits-scheu Reich	Arbeits-scheu
Grundfarben							
Abzeichen für Rückfällige							
Strafkomp							
Juden							
	Jüdischer Rasseschänder		Fluchtverdächtiger		1a Häftling		
Beispiel: Politisch, Jude, Rückfällig, Strafkomp.							
	Pole						
		Tscheche					

Red – Political, Liberals, Masons

Green – Habitual Criminals

Blue – Foreign

Pink – homosexual

Purple – Jehovah's Witnesses

Black – asocial

Brown – Gypsies

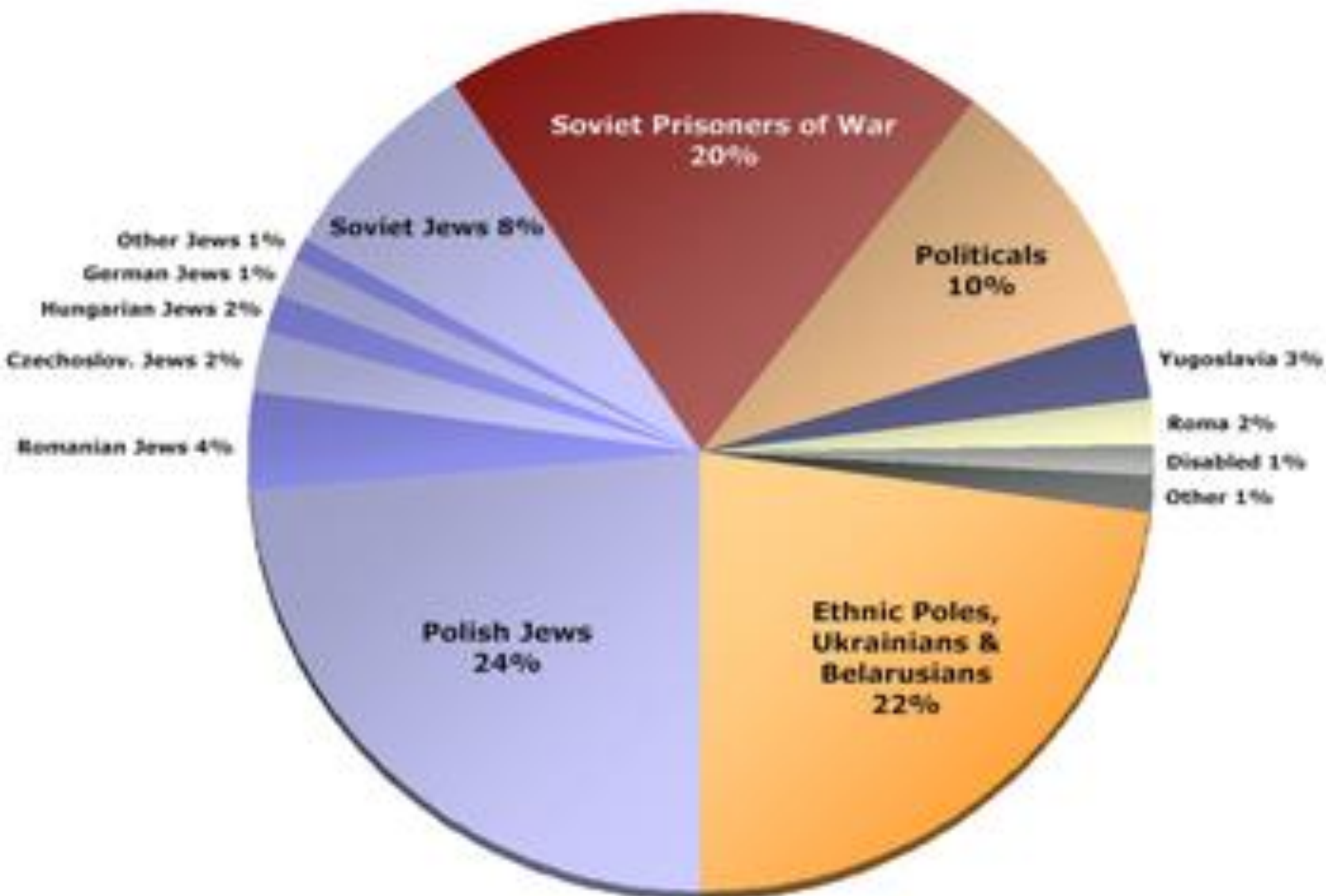
Yellow - Jew



The Holocaust

Victims	Killed
Jews	5.9 million
Soviet POWs	2-3 million
Ethnic Poles	1.8-2 million
Romani (Gypsies)	220,000-1,500,000
Disabled	200,000-250,000
Freemasons	80,000
Homosexuals	5,000-15,000
Jehovah's Witnesses	2,500-5,000
TOTAL	10.2 – 12.2 million

Holocaust Deaths





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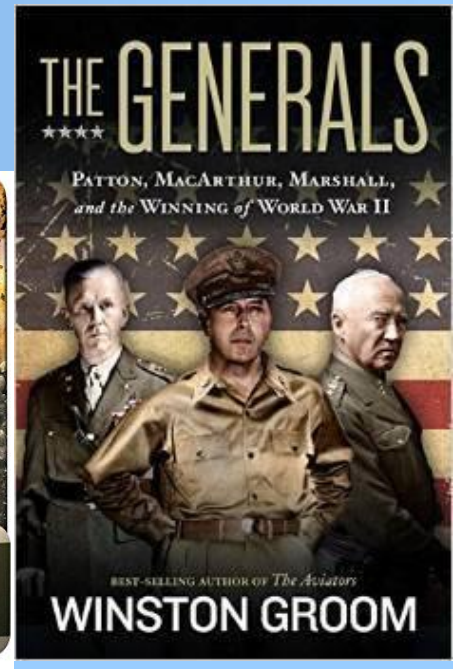
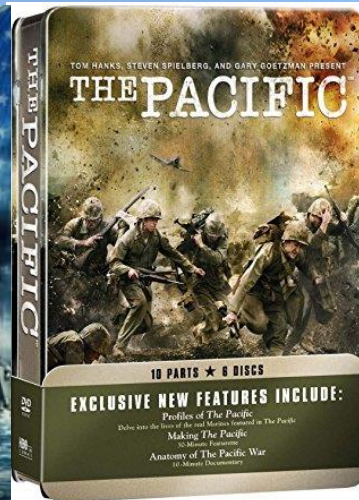
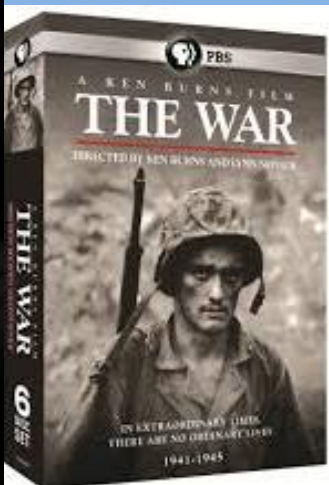
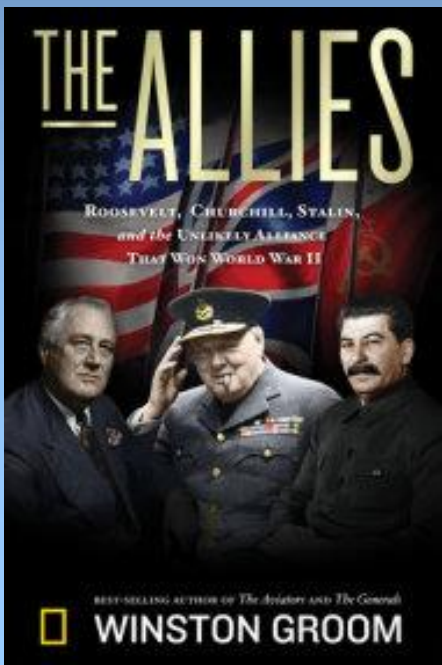
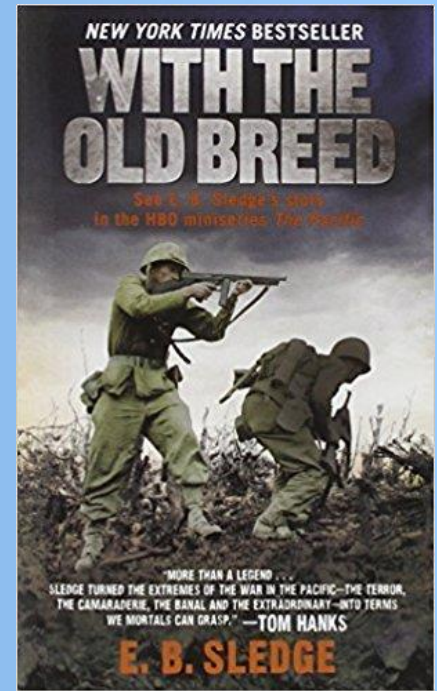
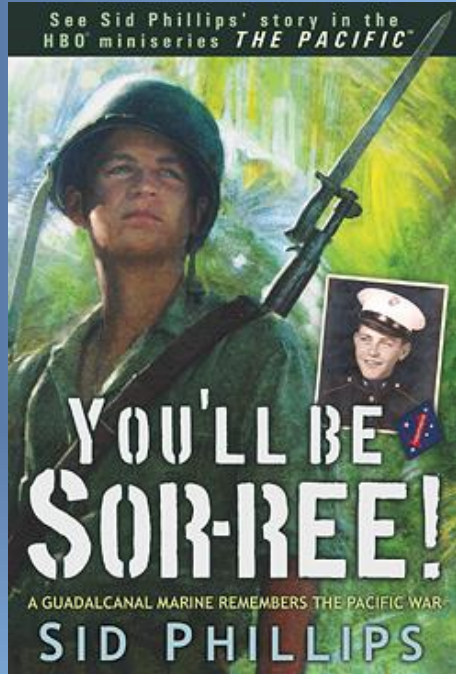
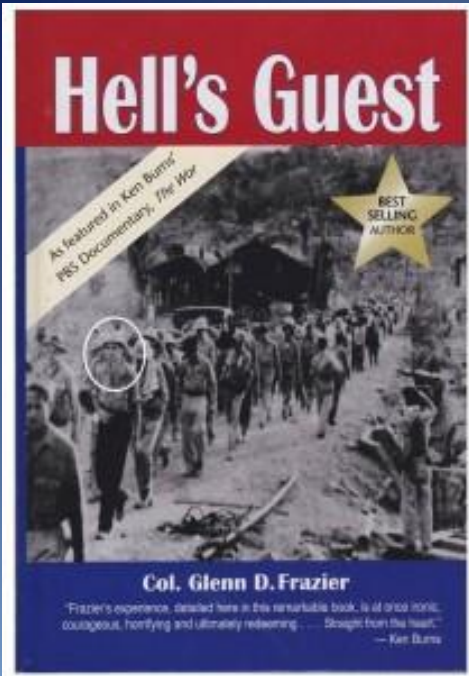
Churchill out

Clement Attlee in

Roosevelt dies

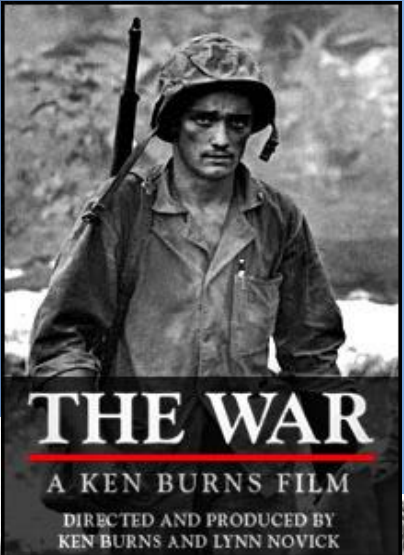
Truman in





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**World War II
The Pacific War**



Nagasaki



Hiroshima

