

World War I  
(1914-1918)

- Fought for new territory and economic power.
- Political changes from monarchies and empires to modern nation states.
- Millions of deaths and destruction.
- Fought in Europe.

- U.S., Germany, and U.S.S.R. Participated - Germany lost <sup>west</sup> for war damages leading to the development of the Nazi Party.
- Germany made to pay for war damages leading to the development of the Nazi Party.

World War II  
(1939-1945)

- Fought beyond Europe - includes Africa and the Pacific.
- Holocaust - 6 million Jews and others killed.
- Germany, Italy and ~~Japan~~ Japan allied to form the Axis Powers.
- Great Britain, the U.S., and the Soviet Union formed the Allied Powers.

- Millions of deaths and great destruction.
- Germany lost the wars.
- Gaining control over other countries or regions.
- U.S. involvement
- Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) involvement
- All fought in 1900s.
- U.S. and Soviet Union participated.
- U.S. used the atomic bomb on the cities of Hiroshima & Nagasaki in Japan.
- The U.S. and the Soviet Union emerged as the world powers.

- Fought between U.S. and Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.).
- Conflict never erupted into a war fought with weapons.
- U.S. and Soviet Union stockpiled nuclear weapons.
- Attempt to gain new territory and power.
- There were no deaths.
- Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

(1947-1991)  
Cold War