*1933*

* Adolf Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany
* Japan withdraws from the League of Nations
* The first concentration camps are built in Germany

*1934*

* Adolf Hitler is elected Führer
* The USSR is admitted to the League of Nations
* Japan renounces Washington treaties of 1922 and 1930

*1935*

* Benito Mussolini invades Abyssinia (Ethiopia)
* Persia changes its name to Iran
* The Nuremburg Laws are passed against the Jews in Germany
* The Nazis repudiate the Versailles Treaty

*1936*

* Koki Hirota becomes premier of Japan
* Italy, Austria, and Hungary sign the Rome Pact
* Chiang Kai-shek declares war on Japan
* Germany begins building the Siegfried Line
* The Olympic Games are held in Berlin

*1937*

* The Japanese seize Beijing
* Chiang Kai-shek unites with Mao Tse-Tung
* Italy withdraws from the League of Nations
* Japanese planes sink the U.S. gunboat *Panay*

*1938*

* Riots and demonstrations against Jews in Germany
* Germany occupies the Sudentenland
* U.S. and Germany recall their respective ambassadors
* Japan installs a puppet government in China

*1939*

* England and Poland sign a treaty of mutual assistance
* Germany occupies Bohemia and Moravia
* Italy invades Albania
* Hungary leaves the League of Nations
* Germany invades Poland, sparking the beginning of World War II

*1940*

* Germany invades Norway, Denmark, France, Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg
* Winston Churchill becomes British prime minister
* The Blitz begins in London

*1941*

* The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor
* Germany invades the USSR
* The U.S. declares war on Japan, Germany, and Italy

*1942*

* Japan invades the Dutch East Indies and Burma, Singapore, Java, and Rangoon
* The Battle of Midway is fought
* U.S. prisoners of war suffer on the the Bataan Death March in the Philippines
* Tokyo is bombed

*1943*

* Casablanca Conference between FDR and Churchill
* Soviets destroy the German army near Stalingrad
* The Allies invade Italy -- Italy surrenders
* Mahatma Gandhi demands independence for India and is arrested by British
* Italy declares war on Germany
* Churchill, FDR, and Joseph Stalin meet at Teheran
* Allies begin "around-the-clock" bombing of Berlin

*1944*

* D-day landings in Normandy
* The first missile bomb is launched by the Germans on London (the V-1)
* Vietnam under Ho Chi Minh declares independence from France
* Charles de Gaulle retakes France from Germany

*1945*

* Yalta Conference with FDR, Churchill, and Stalin
* The United Nations is formed
* FDR dies -- Harry Truman takes office
* Hitler commits suicide
* Mussolini is executed
* The atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
* V-E Day marks the end of the war in Europe