

A Selective Time Line of the War Between Japan and the United States

1600 Battle of Sekigahara: Tokugawa victory insures that Japan isolates itself for 250 years

1603 to 1867 Tokugawa Shogunate

1853 Perry and his "black ships" open Japan

1868-69 Japanese Civil War (Boshin War)

1868 to 1912 Meiji Restoration

1879 Japan formally annexes the Ryukyu Kingdom (including Okinawa)

1894-95 Sino-Japanese War: Korea moved from Chinese to Japanese sphere of influence

1895 Assassination of Korean Queen Myeongseong (Queen Min)

1900 Boxer Rebellion: Colonial powers including Japan versus China

1902 to 1922 Anglo-Japanese Alliances

1904-05 Russo-Japanese War

1905 May 27-28 Battle of Tsushima Strait. Russian Baltic Fleet destroyed

1905 September 5th Treaty of Portsmouth signed in Kittery, Maine

1906 Theodore Roosevelt wins Nobel Peace Prize for the Treaty of Portsmouth

1910 Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty

1914 to 1918 Japan is allied with the Allies during World War I

1920 to 22 Japanese Intervention in the Russian Revolution with other Western powers

1921 to 1922. Washington Naval Conference 5:5:3 ratio of battleships: US: Great Britain: Japan

1931 September 18th Japan invades Manchuria

1932 Manchukuo, the puppet state of Japan in Manchuria, is established

1933 Japan leaves the League of Nations

1937 July 7th to September 9th 1945 2nd Sino-Japanese War. Start of WW II for Asians

1937 December 13th to end of January, 1938 Rape of Nanking

1939 May to November Battle of Khalkhin Gol (Nomonhan) in Mongolia. Russia defeats Japan.

1939 August 23rd German-Soviet Nonaggression (Molotov-Ribbentrop) Pact

1939 September 1st Germany invades Poland. Start of WW II for Europeans

1940 May Evacuation of British army from Dunkirk

1940 September Japan occupies northern French Indochina

1940 September 27th Japan signs Tripartite Pact with Italy and Germany

1941 April 13th Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact

1941 June 22nd Germany invades the Soviet Union

1941 July 21st, Japan occupies southern French Indochina

1941 July 26th, Britain and the United States place an oil embargo on Japan

1941 December 7th Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

1941 December 10th Japanese aircraft sink the HMS Prince of Wales

1941 December Germany fails to take Moscow

1942 February 15th Surrender of Singapore to the Japanese

1942 February 27th-March 1st, the Allies lose the naval battles for the Java Sea

1942 March to the end of WW II: Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies

1942 April 18th, Doolittle Raid on Japan

1942 May 6th United States surrenders all its forces in the Philippines

1942 June 4th United States wins the Battle of Midway

1942 August Battle for Guadalcanal begins and continues until February of 1943

1942 November 8th, British-US invasion of French North Africa

1943 February 2nd Russians finally win the Battle of Stalingrad

1943 November 20-23rd, Battle of Tarawa

1944 June 6th D-Day invasion of Normandy by the Allies

1944 October 23-26th United States wins the Battle of Leyte Gulf

1945 February 4th to February 11th Yalta Conference with Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin.
1945 Stalin agrees at Yalta that Russia attacks Japan three months after Germany surrenders
1945 February 19th to March 26th Battle of Iwo Jima
1945 April 1st to June 22nd United States wins the battle for Okinawa
1945 April 12th FDR dies
1945 May 7th Germany surrenders
1945 July 16th First atomic explosion near Alamogordo, New Mexico
1945 July 17th to August 2nd, Potsdam Conference with Truman, Churchill, Attlee, and Stalin
1945 July 26th Potsdam Declaration sets out the Allied terms for Japanese surrender
1945 August 6th Bombing of Hiroshima
1945 August 8th Russia declares war on Japan and attacks in Manchuria and Sakhalin Island
1945 August 9th Bombing of Nagasaki
1945 August 15th Japan surrenders
1945 September 2nd Japan formally surrenders aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay

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