

# Let me see that!



## WORLD WAR II Spring 2008

Social Studies Learning Standard #2

**Students will:** use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in world history and examine the broad sweep of history from a variety of perspectives.

**Catalog Number:** SA2971-SA2984

**Title:** The Causes of World War II : The countries of WWII ; The Russian Revolution; Reparations of the Treaty of Versailles; Germany's Post WWI Depression; Early Days of the Nazi Party; Mussolini's Fascist Italian State; Brief Stability; Depression; Hitler's Rise to Power & His Political Plan; Japanese Power; Fascist Aggression in Europe; Russian Recovery and the Popular Front; Hitler Moves Forward; Russia and Germany Align: The Last Straw.

**Imprint:** Clearvue, 1996.

**Physical Description:** Digital Audio Streaming, 2-5 min. each.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS2663

**Title:** America in the Twentieth Century: World War Two: The World at War

**Imprint:** Media Rich, 2004.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 38 min.

**Summary:** Recalls American involvement in World War Two from the bombing of Pearl Harbor to the Japanese surrender after the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Rarely seen color footage of some of the most significant battles of the war--including D-Day, Iwo Jima, and Stalingrad--emphasizes the finely-wrought strategies of such generals as Eisenhower and MacArthur as well as the horrible cost of the war on countries worldwide. Features of life on the home front depict the drive of the war economy on American businesses and the patriotic efforts of ordinary citizens to support their troops abroad, including buying war bonds, growing victory gardens, and rationing food and gasoline. A closing look at the wars aftermath reveals how the conferences at Yalta and Potsdam hastened the coming of the cold war and discusses how Americas new position as the leading global superpower altered the course of the twentieth century.

**Catalog Number:** DS2439

**Title:** America in the Twentieth Century: World War Two: The Road to War

**Imprint:** Media Rich, 2004.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 31 min.

**Summary:** Documents the events leading up to the second World War, looking at the actions of such pivotal players as Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party, Joseph Stalin, Emperor Hirohito, Winston Churchill, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and Germany's crushing Luftwaffe and blitzkrieg forces. Noting the ways global dictatorships helped separate alliances and create the Allied and Axis powers, the informative documentary probes communism, the events of the Holocaust, the futile efforts of the League of Nations, and the significance of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact between Germany and Russia. Attacks on London, Paris, Manchuria, and Pearl Harbor--the turning point of America's war involvement--are profiled in-depth to show how political tensions and military drive dealt devastating blows around the world during this tumultuous era.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS2356

**Title:** World War II

**Imprint:** Teacher's Video, 2000.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 33 min.

**Summary:** Provides an extensive overview of both the war in Europe and the war in the Pacific. The program discusses the factors leading up to the war, including the rise of European dictators and Germanys violation of the Treaty of Versailles. Professor I. M. Smart discusses the significance of the United States' involvement: from the Lend-Lease bill and Atlantic Charter to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Professor Smarts brightest pupil analyzes significant battles, including the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle of Midway, and the invasion of Normandy. The program offers twenty multiple- choice comprehension questions focusing on Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Pearl Harbor, and V-E Day.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** V8069

**Title:** D-Day and World War II

**Imprint:** New Dimension Media, 2003.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 10 min.

**Summary:** Peaceful contemporary scenes of Normandy's idyllic beaches contrast with documentary footage of the carnage of the D-Day landing. But its unparalleled importance in denying Hitler world domination is drawn out of this stirring re-telling of the event.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** X544

**Title:** Days that shook the world (1930-1939)

**Imprint:** Ambrose Video Publishing, 2000.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 52 min. **Summary:** Uses archival footage and still images to present a narrative portrait of the political, social, scientific, and medical milestones of the decade. Includes the Empire State Building, Lindbergh kidnapping, Amelia Earhart's flight, FDR's election, Hitler's election, repeal of Prohibition, Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics, abdication of Edward VIII, Hindenburg, end of the Spanish Civil War, jet aircraft flight and the beginning of World War II.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS1289

**Title:** A World War II Odyssey: Training Camp, Ireland, & Africa

**Imprint:** Clearvue & SVE, 1997.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 51 min.

**Summary:** Highlights Dr. Greene's experiences in bootcamp, combat training, Ireland, and Africa.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS1290

**Title:** World War II Odyssey: Italy, France, & Germany

**Imprint:** Clearvue & SVE, 1997.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 38 min.

**Summary:** Continues Dr. Greene's real-life perspective of the war and follows him through Italy, France, and Germany.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** X1105

**Title:** Holocaust: a history

**Imprint:** EVN, 2001.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 42 min.

**Summary:** Jewish people have been the victims of discrimination for thousand of years, but during no period in history were they as victimized as they were during the Nazi Holocaust. Learn about what motivated Hitler and discover how he rose to power. Witness the ramifications of Hitler's "New Order": of Aryan Predominance and learn about what happened on Kristallnacht. See how Hitler put his plan to annihilate European Jews into motion, and learn about the raw horror that results from intolerance and from fear of diversity.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS1275

**Title:** Life under Adolf Hitler

**Imprint:** Classroom Media, 1999.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 24 min.

**Summary:** See how his totalitarian regime created a dual experience: bettering the life of the average German by creating employment and improving standards of living, but also leading the nation down a path of destruction, death, and despair.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS2540

**Title:** Taking the Offensive

**Imprint:** Intelcom, 2004.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 27 min.

**Summary:** Examines the critical decisions made by the American administration during World War Two. The program debates the ethical implications of dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two cities in Japan, and discusses alternative strategies the United States could have employed. Such historical figures as President Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Adolf Hitler, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Albert Einstein, and Douglas MacArthur are introduced and their influences on wartime politics, economy, and society are explored. Events of the war, including

the bombing of Berlin, D-Day, Alamogordo, Iwo Jima, kamikaze missions, fire bombing, and Japan's surrender provides an arresting account of this era in history.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** DS2388

**Title:** An American Legacy: Rising Up: New Deals & New Allies

**Imprint:** Teacher's Video, 2003.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 27 min.

**Summary:** Profiles the New Deal legislation made by Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. The program provides in-depth coverage of the programs created during Roosevelt's first one hundred days, including the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act, the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Home Owners Corps. Following these programs, Roosevelt created a series of more public works programs called the Second New Deal, which included such programs as the National Labor Relations Act, also called the Wagner Act; the Social Security Act; and the Works Progress Administration. The presentation focuses on the troubles in Europe during the 1940s, covering the influence of dictators in Italy and Germany and the war between Japan and China, and the how America entered World War II through the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Catalog Number:** X527

**Title:** The atomic bomb

**Imprint:** Ambrose Video Publishing, 1995.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 30 min.

**Summary:** World War II was the most momentous even in the U.S. history. Decades later, the debate continues: should we have dropped the bombs? Traditional was as an instrument of policy ended, and the age of nuclear warfare began.

**Audience:** Junior High

## Documentaries

### World War II Series

**Catalog Number:** DA376, SO66

**Title:** Defiant, The: the holocaust memoirs of Shalom Yoran

**Imprint:** Chip Taylor, 2004.

**Physical Description:** DVD, Digital Video Streaming, 85 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** After his parents were killed, Shalom Yoran refused to yield to the German onslaught, and chose to become a Jewish resistance fighter. Based on the acclaimed book by Yoran, this documentary is the personal re-telling of the author's Holocaust memoirs, a true story of survival and courage in the darkest days of World War II. Filled with archival footage, this is the amazing and moving story of a handful of courageous men and women who fought against incredible odds, who truly were "the defiant." *(Some images may be disturbing to many viewers. These images were included out of the deepest respect of those individuals shown and were included with the permission for the purpose of aiding this story's central themes.)*

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

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**Cont'd World War II Series**

**Catalog Number:** DA372, SO42

**Title:** Holocaust hero: A tree for Sugihara

**Imprint:** Chip Taylor, 2006.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 30 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** This is the compelling story of a hero of the Holocaust, Sempo Sugihara, a man of conscience, who defied his country by issuing thousands of visas during WW II, which allowed over 6000 Jews to escape the murderous hands of the Nazis. We meet Sugihara's son, Hiroki; also Hillel Levine, author of In Search of Sugihara; plus, in Yad Vahsem, Jerusalem, where a tree for Sugihara is planted, we meet Mordecai Paldiel, Director at the Department for the Righteous Among Nations.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**New**

**Catalog Number:** DA375, SO65

**Title:** Hiroshima: warning to the world

**Imprint:** Chip Taylor, 2000.

**Physical Description:** DVD, Digital Video Streaming, 30 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** Wilfred Burchett was the first Western journalist into Hiroshima after the atomic bomb explosion on August 6, 1945. What Burchett saw profoundly affected his life. Later, Burchett's reporting on the wars in Vietnam and Cambodia provoked such outrage his native Australia that he was refused entry for 20 years.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**New**

**Catalog Number:** DA370, SO61

**Title:** Women's Army Corps: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

**Imprint:** Chip Taylor, 1997.

**Physical Description:** DVD, Digital Video Streaming, 30 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** Narrated by Emmy Award winning actress Mariette Hartley, this program documents the history of the US Women's Army Corps, from its beginning in World War II, to its disestablishment in 1978

**Audience:** Senior High

**New**

**Catalog Number:** DVD451

**Title:** Marion's triumph: surviving history's nightmare

**Imprint:** Movies Unlimited, 2002.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 58 min.

**Summary:** A documentary film depicting the life experiences of Marion Blumenthal- Lazan and her family in Germany just prior to the Nuremberg laws and then following her through several of Hitler's concentration camps. Using documentary footage, artwork, and Lazan's narration the film shows the realities of the Holocaust, and reveals the determination, hope, and spirit that have helped her family survive their experience.

**Audience:** Senior High, College, Adult

**Catalog Number:** DVD238

**Title:** The War: a Ken Burns film

**Imprint:** PBS, 2007.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 87 min., closed captioned, Rated PG.

**Summary:** The documentary "THE WAR" explores the history and horror of World War II from an American perspective by following the fortunes of so-called ordinary men and women who became caught up in one of the greatest cataclysms in human history. This epic film focuses on the stories of citizens from four American towns taking the viewer through their personal and harrowing journeys, painting vivid portraits of how the war dramatically altered their lives.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High, College, Adult

**Catalog Number:** DVD142

**Title:** Fog of War

**Imprint:** Movies Unlimited.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 107 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** Subtitled "Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert McNamara," Errol Morris' Oscar-winning documentary examines 20th-century American foreign and military policy through a series of interviews with the man who served as Secretary of Defense under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and was a key architect of the Vietnam War. McNamara candidly discusses his role in the bombing of Japanese cities in World War II, the political realities behind the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, and U.S. involvement in Vietnam, and other topics. Subtitles: Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, French; additional scenes: TV spots.

**Audience:** Senior High, College, Adult

**Catalog Number:** X773

**Title:** Bearing witness: American soldiers and the Holocaust

**Imprint:** Communications for Learning, 2001.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 22 min.

**Summary:** At the end of World War II, as American soldiers were slogging across Europe in pursuit of the fleeing enemy, they came across dozens of Nazi slave-labor and concentration camps. Most of the young impressionable GIs had no idea what they would encounter. This video begins by establishing the historical context for the liberation of the camps. Then, through vivid first-person accounts from American veterans as well as on concentration camp survivor, it tells a gripping story that is a testament not only to incredible cruelty but also to courage and love.

**Audience:** Junior High

**Catalog Number:** DVD395

**Title:** La France Divisee

**Imprint:** Barnett & Angelini, 2002.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 36 min.

**Summary:** During World War II, France was divided into the North under the Germans and the South under the Vichy government. Both areas deported Jews to concentration camps. In this video, historians and survivors of the Holocaust discuss the German occupation and why they believe that the Vichy government collaborated with the Germans. Includes a speech by French president Jacques Chirac given in July 1995, apologizing for this collaboration.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**New**

**Catalog Number:** V7755

**Title:** The Berlin Wall

**Imprint:** New Dimension Media, 2000.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 17 min.

**Summary:** After World War II, the division of Germany led to the Berlin Wall to keep East Germans from fleeing to the West. But its fall in 1989 has not led to an easy re-unification: East Germans feel colonized, dominated, economically deprived by West Germans, who feel impatient and resentful. The wall's ghost persists.

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**Catalog Number:** V5918

**Title:** Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Imprint:** New Dimension Media, 2002.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 10 min.

**Summary:** Contrasting his own handicap and his famous speeches against fear with the crises of the Great Depression and World War II, this program shows how this great President's character, and that of his wife Eleanor, affected his era, and how he succeeded against these challenges. Moving documentary footage, crisply edited, creates an experience of history both sweeping and personal.

**Audience:** Intermediate

**Catalog Number:** DS297

**Title:** History through Literature: Liberation & Change: The Late 20th Century

**Imprint:** Clearvue & SVE, 1998.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 23 min.

**Summary:** Chronicle the years following World War II when the world's security was threatened and see how writers delivered the message of the poor, the ethnically or gender oppressed, and the outcasts of society.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** V1008

**Title:** Pearl Harbor & World War II

**Imprint:** New Dimension Media, 2002.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 10 min.

**Summary:** A sense of impending doom builds as we watch a reenactment of the peaceful life on Oahu as Japanese planes wing toward it. Much viewed footage of the attack is mixed with chilling details, such as the sounds of trapped men inside the sunken Arizona that were being heard a week later.

**Audience:** Intermediate

**Catalog Number:** DS2597

**Title:** Hidden Agenda

**Imprint:** Intelcom, 1999.

**Physical Description:** Digital Video Streaming, 29 min.

**Summary:** Addresses civil rights, discrimination, and cultural expectations through an engaging and dramatic storyline. An anonymous janitor raises claims that his boss violates his labor rights while a middle aged newscaster questions her network's motivations behind laying her off, two events that arouse a close-knit community to action. Tying the events and consequences in the program to United States history, a wrap-up feature reviews basic American values and the role of public protest and the Constitution in protecting civil rights for all. With footage of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the internment of Japanese Americans during World War Two, and protests for women's suffrage and labor rights, the presentation makes sense of how Americans have secured their freedoms throughout history.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High

### Literature Boxes

**Catalog Number:** LB53

**Title:** Book thief

**Imprint:** Random House, 2006.

**Physical Description:** Literature Box, 35 books, CD.

**Summary:** Zusak, Markus. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, this is the story of Liesel -- a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

**Audience:** Senior High, College, Adult

*New*

**Catalog Number:** LB24

**Title:** Catch 22

**Physical Description:** Literature Box, 35 books

**Summary:** Heller, Joseph, 1923-1999. As revealing today as when it was first published, this brilliant novel expresses the concerns of an entire generation in its black comedy. World War II flier decides that his only mission each time he goes up is to return alive!

**Audience:** Senior High

### Jackdaws

**Catalog Number:** JD13

**Title:** World War II: the home front

**Imprint:** Jackdaw Publications, 2000.

**Summary:** A full-size ration book with stamps, front pages of newspapers, the Declaration of War on Japan, advertisements on conserving fats, a canteen welcome card, documents about labor strikes and prejudice in the workplace, dozens of photos and other documents bring to life the American home front during WWII. Today's students will enjoy the description of their grandparent's experiences as welders who made tanks, students who gathered scrap and citizens who served in the civil defense. The inconsistencies of mistreatment of black and Japanese U.S. Citizens are also included. Historian David Jefferies.

**Audience:** Junior High

**Catalog Number:** JD57

**Title:** Rationing in World War II

**Imprint:** Jackdaw Publications, 2000.

**Summary:** In 1942, just month after the United States entered World War II, the government instituted rationing. Channeling basic resources to the US military meant that citizens at home had to cut down on their own consumption. The Office of Price Administration, established to oversee rationing, figured allotments for each individual and issued ration books. A massive propaganda blitz began - to convince citizens of their patriotic duty to do with less, reuse items, and turn in scrap metals for the war effort.

**Audience:** Junior High

**Catalog Number:** JD6

**Title:** Holocaust

**Imprint:** Jackdaw Publications, 2000.

**Summary:** Students will quickly realize the tragedy of overwhelming moral magnitude and great historical significance that was the Holocaust. The hands-on historical documents are powerful: the chronology from Yad Vashen; Reich Citizenship Law stripping Jews of all rights; photos of the horrors of the Holocaust; Hitler's directive by Bormann on the "Jewish Question"; extraordinary maps labeled with countries and numbers of Jews to go to death camps. This Jackdaw examines the evolution of prejudice from origin to its modern, fatal culmination in the "Final Solution of the Jewish Question."

**Audience:** Junior High

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**Catalog Number:** JD39

**Title:** World War II: Atomic Bomb

**Imprint:** Jackdaw Publications, 2005.

**Summary:** Use this jackdaw to open for discussion the question of whether the United States was justified in using the atomic bomb to end World War II. Fourteen historical documents, including a letter written by Albert Einstein to President Roosevelt, letters and cables to and from President Truman regarding the pros and cons of using the bomb, the official bombing order, newspaper articles, photographs, anti-Japanese propaganda, and a resolution passed by the City Council of Hiroshima in response to Truman's lack of remorse for dropping the bomb, chronicle the events that lead to the development of the terrifying new weapon that would destroy the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and launch the world into a dangerous, new Atomic Age.

**Audience:** Junior High

### Feature Films

**Catalog Number:** X1382

**Title:** Bridge on the River Kwai

**Imprint:** Wilson, 1957.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 161 min.

**Summary:** Critically acclaimed, "The Bridge on the River Kwai" contains plenty of high-powered excitement set against the background of World War II. Captured by the Japanese, British soldiers and their ranking officer, Colonel Nicholson (Alex Guinness in an Oscar-winning performance), are forced to construct a strategic railroad bridge. Despite cruel treatment by the brutal Colonel Saito (Sessue Hayakawa), Nicholson displays unyielding courage and the bridge becomes a matter of obsessive British pride to him. Meanwhile, the British High Command has instructed a commando team to destroy the vital span.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High, Adult

**Catalog Number:** DVD161

**Title:** Carrie's war

**Imprint:** WGBH, 2006.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 90 min., closed captioned.

**Summary:** At the start of World War II, 14-year old Carrie and her younger brother Nick are separated from their mother and evacuated from war-torn London to a rural village in Wales, where they now live with a puritanical shopkeeper and his spinster sister.

**Audience:** Intermediate, Junior High, Senior High

**Catalog Number:** X1087

**Title:** Ballad of a soldier

**Imprint:** Movies Unlimited, 1959.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 85 min., b/w, Rated PG

**Summary:** The adventures of a young soldier on leave during World War II is the simple plot for one of the most moving films of the Russian cinema.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High, Adult

**Catalog Number:** DVD140

**Title:** Life is Beautiful

**Imprint:** Library Video, 1998.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 122 min., Rated PG-13.

**Summary:** Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi and Guistino Durano star in this comedic tale about the power of imagination set against the stark reality of World War II Europe. At the center of the story is Guido, a grown man with childlike innocence and dreams of owning his own book shop. It's 1939, and he has come to the Tuscan town of Arrezzo with his friend Ferruccio. He falls in love and strives to create a beautiful life for his family. When that life is threatened by Nazi invasions, he must rely on his strength, determination and humor to protect his family from the evils going on around them.

**Audience:** Junior High, Senior High, College, Adult

**Catalog Number:** DVD131

**Title:** The Pianist

**Imprint:** Library Video, 2002.

**Physical Description:** DVD, 1:50 min, closed captioned, Rated R.

**Summary:** Adrien Brody stars in this drama directed by Roman Polanski that tells the true story of an acclaimed musician's journey of survival. Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jewish pianist, escapes deportation and is forced to live in the heart of the Warsaw ghetto where he experiences the suffering, humiliation and the struggles during World War II. He manages to escape and hides in the ruins of the capital. Based on the book by Wladyslaw Szpilman.

**Audience:** Senior High, College, Adult

**Catalog Number:** X1060

**Title:** Tora! Tora! Tora!

**Imprint:** Movies Unlimited, 1970.

**Physical Description:** Videocassette, 145 min., closed captioned, Rated PG.

**Summary:** Epic U.S.-Japanese co-production details, from both sides, the events surrounding the bombing of Pearl Harbor that led to America's entry into World War II. Martin Balsam, Jason Robards, Jr., Soh Yamamura, E.G. Marshall and James Whitmore lead the cast. Featuring impressive battle sequences. Special video version includes a 20-minute documentary.

**Audience:** Senior High, Adult

### WEBSITES

#### World War II Commemoration

This well-written site provides an in-depth introduction to the Second World War. Information is given on each of the major war theaters with key terminology and concepts explained for the layperson. Biographies of the leading political figures and statistics on war casualties are also furnished. A few air combat films can be downloaded using QuickTime. There are links to other Second World War sites. This site from Grolier Online draws material from Encyclopedia Americana.

[http://gi.grolier.com/wwii/wwii\\_mainpage.html](http://gi.grolier.com/wwii/wwii_mainpage.html)

#### Oklahoma War Stories

This website, created as a companion to the Ken Burns series "The War," highlights the stories of Oklahomans in World War II. Explore stories, share your own story, and view posters, newspaper front pages, and photos. Includes a blog, podcasts, and links to related websites. A combined production of OETA (public television), The Oklahoman, and NewsOK.com.

<http://www.oklahomawwii.org/>

#### World War II Timeline

A timeline for World War II, including events leading up to the conflict as far back as 1917. Features images, posters, maps, political cartoons, newspaper clippings, and diagrams. Browse by date, topic, picture, and map. Contains a bibliography and related links. Brief information accompanies events. From a professor of history at the University of San Diego.

<http://history.sandiego.edu/gen/WW2Timeline/start.html>

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