

Attachment B: Chronology of Pre-World War II and World War II

1921	Adolf Hitler becomes leader of the National Socialist (Nazi) Party
1931	Japanese seize Manchuria, part of China (Manchurian Incident)
1932	Franklin Roosevelt elected president of the United States
1933	Adolf Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany
1933	Nazis boycott Jewish businesses and burn books in Germany
1933	Adolf Hitler becomes Führer of Germany
1936	German troops occupy the Rhineland (part of Germany near France)
1936	Mussolini's Italian troops attack Ethiopia
1938	Germany announces union (Anschluss) with Austria
1939	Germany invades Czechoslovakia
1939	German-U.S.S.R. (Soviet Union) sign nonaggression pact
1939	United States declares neutrality
1939	Germany invades Poland
1940	Nazis invade France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands
1940	Italy declares war on Britain and France
1940	Battle of Britain begins
1941	President Roosevelt signs Lend-Lease Act
1941	Germany attacks the Soviet Union
1941	Roosevelt and Churchill sign the Atlantic Charter
1941	Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor
1941	United States and Britain declare war on Japan
1941	Japan launches major offensive on the Philippines
1941	Germany and Italy declare war on the United States
1942	Japan invades Indonesia (Dutch East Indies)
1942	Japanese-Americans sent to relocation camps
1942	United States wins decisive battle at Midway Island
1942	Battle of Stalingrad begins
1942–1943	Allied forces invade North Africa
1942	British forces force Germans at el Alamein to retreat
1943	Germans surrender at Stalingrad in Hitler's first defeat
1943	German and Italian forces defeated in North Africa
1943	Italy surrenders
1944	Allies land at Normandy Beach in France (D Day, June 6)
1944	Paris liberated
1944	Kamikazi attacks on Allied ships begins
1944	Battle of the Bulge in Ardennes pushes Nazi troops back to Germany
1945	United States troops invade the Philippines
1945	Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin meet at Yalta
1945	Germany surrenders unconditionally
1945	Allied forces take Iwo Jima and Okinawa from Japan after fierce and bloody battles
1945	First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan