



# World War II Memorial Washington, D.C.

## Introduction and Instructions

World War II was the biggest and deadliest war in history, and more than 30 countries were involved in the massive conflict. What do you know about the history, significance, and symbolism of the World War II Memorial? In addition to any prior knowledge you may have, use your research skills and the resources provided here to answer the questions below.



Watch this video for a brief overview of WWII.  
WATCH: <https://youtu.be/HUqy-OQvVtI>

1. What action triggered the start of WWII? What year did this occur?

2. What two major events happened in 1941?

3. Who were the main countries that comprised the Axis and Allied Powers?

4. What was the "Final Solution"?

5. What happened on D-Day?

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6. When did the Germans surrender?

7. What happened in August of 1945 and how did Japan respond?



Check out this link to learn more about the design on the WWII Memorial and its history.  
READ: <https://www.thoughtco.com/world-war-ii-memorial-washington-dc-1778319>

8. Why was the memorial created?

9. How was the design chosen? Who was the creator of the memorial?



Learn more about the symbolism and meaning of the memorial.  
WATCH: <https://youtu.be/n-LoCdQLPnY>

10. Use what you have learned about the WWII Memorial to summarize the main elements of its design.

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## WHAT DO YOU THINK? *This is your chance to share your opinions, make connections, and apply what you've learned!*



Rationing of goods took place in America during WWII. Rationing is defined as a fixed allowance of provisions or food. This was done on the home front to aid in the war effort. Read more about it here.  
READ: <https://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1674.html>

1. Imagine how it would be to live in America during WWII. In what ways would your life be impacted the most?



The decision President Truman made to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki is still controversial today.  
WATCH: <https://youtu.be/Bm1BbcxseXM>  
WATCH: <https://youtu.be/ya3et3mhdWw>

2. After watching the videos, present a case for or against the use of the atomic bomb during WWII.



The generation that fought in WWII has been called "The Greatest Generation." Learn more about why this name came to be applied to them.  
WATCH: <https://youtu.be/xQFAhIPFLDc>

3. What are some of the reasons why this generation is known as "The Greatest"?