In The Pacific

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- What year did World War II begin?
- 1939
- What year did the US become part of the War?
- 1941
- Who was the President of the US at the beginning of the War?
- FDR
- Who was the President of the US at the end of the war?
- Harry S Truman
- What country was the US fighting in the Pacific?
- Japan
- http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/nationalgeographic-channel/specials-1/history-events/ngc-pearlharbor-pics.html

- What was the major event that happened on Dec. 7 1941 that trusted the US into war with the Japanese?
- Pearl Harbor
- http://www.history.com/videos/battle-at-midway#battle-at-midway
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-8Ff CDVLM start at 3
- What American was the leader of all US troops in the Pacific?
- Douglas MacArthur
- What was the Bataan "Death March"?
- A march where 76,000 US troops surrendered and half died when they were forced to march over 100 miles in terrible conditions
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bU3dnFkWDu4

- What did Colonel James H. Doolittle do on April 18, 1942?
- Bomb Tokyo
- What battle was the turning point of the war in the Pacific?
- Midway
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKXVTZo6glg
- What is island hopping?
- The taking of one island after another
- MacArthur returns to what island in October 25, 1944 and is quoted saying "I Have Returned"?
- Philippines

- What was the name of the B-29 that dropped the Atomic bomb on Japan?
- Enola Gay
- August 6, 1945 the US dropped the Atomic bomb on what Japanese city?
- Hiroshima
- August 9, 1945 the US dropped the Atomic bomb on what Japanese city?
- September 2, 1945 Japan surrenders to the USA





- In the movie MASH what war are they fighting in?
- Korean
- What countries does the war take place in?
- North and South Korea
- 1895 The Japanese defeated the Chinese and annexed Korea
- 1910 Japanese removed the Korean monarchy and took complete control, Making Korea an economic colony of Japan
- Japan controlled Korea until the end of WWII
- 1945 After WWII Korea was divided into 2 military Zones along the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
- North was occupied by the Soviet Union
- South was occupied by the US

- Soviet and American Occupations Forces withdrew in 1949
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnnqTAsS48&feature=related
- June 25, 1950 North Korea invades South Korea
- Truman called on the UN Security Council to seek a resolution calling on other nations to help the South.
- Soviets would have vetoed the action but the delegate was not there
- They were boycotting the Security Council to protest the council's refusal to recognize the new communist government of China
- June 30 1950 Truman ordered US Troops to South Korea calling the move a police action
- General MacArthur is appointed commander of the UN Forces

- "If Washington will not hobble me, I can handle it with one arm tied behind my back"
- Early in the War
- North Korea had pushed South Korea and UN forces back to the city of Pusan which was on the Southern tip of the Korean Peninsula
- UN sent in heavy reinforcements to strengthen the defensive line
- MacArthur makes his move:
- Taking part of his forces from Pusan he decided to strike at the North Korean rear.
- <a href="http://military.discovery.com/videos/20th-century-battlefields-episode-2-1951-korea.html">http://military.discovery.com/videos/20th-century-battlefields-episode-2-1951-korea.html</a>
- He landed a large naval force at Inchon near the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.
- His plan worked and his forces quickly regained the South Korean capital of Seoul, and drove south.

- At the same time UN forces advanced north from Pusan
- North Koreans were caught in-between and within two weeks their troops were either killed or imprisoned.
- North to the Yalu River:
- US goal at the beginning was to push the North Korean forces back to the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.
- Keeping with the policy of containment
- Truman believing it was not enough wanted to liberate the territory
- So Truman gave MacArthur the green light
- Un forces moved north rapidly looking for a complete victory
- Mac promised to "have the boy's home by Christmas.

- Nov 1950
- US bombed bridges on the Yalu River (border between North Korea and China)
- China threatened to enter the war if bombing continued
- Mac assured Truman the threat was meaning less and that the Chinese could be handily defeated
- Mac WAS WRONG
- The Chinese join the war and wrecked the US plans for victory
- Several hundred thousand Chinese soldiers crossed the Yalu, driving the UN forces south.

- Mac wanted to bomb China but Truman refused, trying to avoid a global war
- Truman went back to the goal of containing communism
- MAC Fired
- 1951 there was a stalemate at about the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.
- The stalemate angered Mac
- He believed that he could achieve victory if he was allowed to use the full weight of US fire power
- He wanted to attack China
- He suggested the use of atomic bombs
- He said he was fighting a war with one hand tied behind his back

- Mac continued to criticize the president publicly
- In April 1951 Truman fired Mac
- Truman looked bad and Mac came home as a strong champion of National pride and power
- 1952
- Dwight D Eisenhower became president after a year of stalemate an armistice was signed
- The cease-fire line was set just above the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

- http://www.youtube.com/user/universalclass?v=ITOHvSkWVB w&feature=pyv&ad=5900954653&kw=vietnam%20war
- http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/episode/inside-thevietnam-war-3891/Overview#tab-Videos/05075 00
- <a href="http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/episode/inside-the-vietnam-war-3891/Overview#tab-Videos/07172">http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/episode/inside-the-vietnam-war-3891/Overview#tab-Videos/07172</a> 00
- By 1883 Vietnam was part of French Indo-China
- WWII Japan took control of Vietnam
- Sept. 1945 Ho Chi Minh declared its independence
- The French tried to reoccupy Vietnam and the French Indo-China war broke out
- War ended with the Geneva Conference (1954)

- Divided the Country at the 17<sup>th</sup> parallel
- The north would be the communist Democratic Republic with its capital at Hanoi. Ho Chi Minh was the leader
- The south had a noncommunist republic with the capital at Saigon and the leader was Ngo Dinh Diem
- Vietnam War (1964 1975)
- 1961 1964 President Ngo Dinh Diem proclaimed a state of emergency and the US started to help by sending advisors
- After an alleged North Vietnamese attack on the US warships in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964, Congress gave President Johnson approval to take military action (The Tonkin Gulf Resolution)

- 1965 US had 125,000
- 1967 US had 400,000
- Tet Offensive provoked widespread opposition within the US in 1968
- After that time US troops gradually withdrew
- There was still heavy fighting in the early 1970's
- US troops were finally withdrawn after the Paris Peace Accords in 1973
- Early 1975 North Vietnamese forces finally triumphed

- Facts
- 58,000 US Lives lost
- \$140 billion spent on war
- Goal was to preserve a separate independent, noncommunist government in South Vietnam
- Did we accomplish our goal?
- http://www.discovery.com/tv-shows/othershows/videos/assignment-discovery-shorts-the-vietnam-warbeginnings/
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- http://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-warhistory/videos/tet-offensive