IMPORTANT EVENTS

1914 – 1918  First World War fought in Europe

1919  Treaty of Versailles made with Germany

1933  Hitler appointed Chancellor of Germany

1936  Germany retakes Rhineland; Rome-Berlin Axis formed
      Germany signs pact with Japan

1939  Czechoslovakia taken by Germany
      Hitler invades Poland;
      Britain, France, Australia, India, New Zealand,
      South Africa and Canada declare war on Germany

1940  Germany attacks Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg.
      Troops evacuated from Dunkirk
      Germans enter Paris.
      Battle of Britain
      Start of "The Blitz"

1941  Barbarossa  German invasion of Russia;
      Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour brings USA into the war
      U.S.A declare war on Japan

1942  Battle for Stalingrad halts German advance in Russia

1943  Battle of Kursk ends German advance in the East;
      "Dam-Busters raid by R.A.F.
      German forces and allies defeated in North Africa

1944  D-Day  Allied invasion of Normandy
      "Battle of the Bulge" begins (ends 1945)

1945  Fall of Berlin and death of Hitler;
      Germans sign unconditional surrender
      Nazis have murdered 6 million Jews in the Holocaust;
      Victory in Europe Day
      atomic bombs  dropped on Japan;
      W.W.II ends